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## BOGUS SOS: 'I'M STRANDED IN KUALA LUMPUR'

**'PLEASE SEND CASH!'**

Porthcawl councillor victim  
of a devious computer scam...



LEFT: Coun  
Rosemary Deere,  
who was the victim  
of a devious scam

**FRIENDS** and relatives of a Porthcawl councillor were distressed last week to receive e-mails from her saying she was "stranded" with no money in Kuala Lumpur!

The e-mails arrived at about 1am last Thursday, while Coun Rosemary Deere was in fact safely tucked up in bed at her Porthcawl home, blissfully unaware of the drama that was unfolding.

It was only when Rosemary and her brother David started receiving phone calls from family and friends, that they became aware of

what was going on. An investigation has revealed that Coun Deere's computer was hacked into and her e-mail contact list was stolen.

E-mails were then sent to everybody on the list, claiming to be from Coun Deere and stating that she had had her credit cards stolen and was stranded in Malaysia.

The e-mails asked for £2,000 to be wired to her immediately so that she could get home!

"It was a scam. I may inadvertently have given the fraudsters my details, because I responded to a message I thought was from Yahoo, but which I

understand now was a fake message. Yahoo knew nothing about it," Coun Deere told The GEM this week.

By responding to the message, she enabled the hackers to access her computer and take out the information they needed for the scam.

"Thankfully, I do not do internet banking, so there was nothing on there that could be used to access my bank details," she said.

"But nevertheless, it's very worrying to think that somebody has been able to get into my computer and get at all the e-mails and other information on it.

"I have been in touch with the IT department

at BCBC about this, in case council material was accessed."

Coun Deere, who has just completed her year as mayor of Porthcawl, has been contacted by lots of people who have received the e-mail.

"We have had phone calls from relatives all over the country and others in Norway and also from friends who thought I was stuck out there," she reported.

"We even had phone calls from Conservative Central Office in Cardiff, the Carlton Club in London, and a former high sheriff, who also received these e-mails.

"David and I have been constantly on the phone reassuring people that I am okay."

Police have been informed of the scam and have been in contact with their counterparts in Malaysia, as people were asked to send the money to a hotel in Kuala Lumpur, where Miss Deere was supposedly staying.

The hackers may have a contact at the hotel who would have received any money on their behalf.

"As far as we know, nobody actually fell for it and people immediately rang us in Porthcawl to find out what was happening," added David Deere.

"We want to warn other people about responding to e-mails without first making sure they are genuine. If you do, it gives them a back door into your computer."

Coun Rosemary Deere represents the Porthcawl West Central ward on the council and is a Conservative member. She also sits on Porthcawl Town Council, where David is a member and council leader.

## Porthcawl woman set to be a shining symbol of the fight against cancer

A PORTHCAWL woman who had a terrifying brush with cancer at just 18 years of age, has been picked to be a "shining symbol" of the fight against the disease.

As part of the run-up to a massive fundraising day later this year, Louise Day was set to watch as her image was beamed onto Cardiff City Hall last night - at least 50 ft tall!

Louise, who is 34, launched the countdown to Cancer Research UK's first night-time walking marathon in Wales, called 'Shine'.

Her picture was being projected onto the side of the civic building when darkness fell (after The GEM went to press).

The 'Shine' event is open to all men and women aged over 13 and



ABOVE: Louise Day, whose image was  
beamed onto Cardiff City Hall.

entrants can choose to walk either a 26 or 13-mile route. It is hoped that 5,000 men and women will sign-up to raise more than £1m to

fund research into the disease. Taking place on Saturday September 25, Shine will see the city of Cardiff illuminated as people take to the streets

in an "inspirational procession of light", setting off from Cardiff International Arena past the Millennium Stadium, Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff Castle and through Cardiff Bay - all which will be spectacularly lit up.

Louise's picture will be beamed onto City Hall in Cathays Park, along with the images of 11 other 'shining lights' from across Wales - men, women and children whose lives have been touched by different cancers.

Louise was diagnosed with skin cancer when she was aged 18, after a small wart-like spot appeared on her calf.

Her parents persuaded her to see her GP and she did eventually book an appointment to have it checked out

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## Fears over cuts in bed numbers at Princess of Wales Hospital wards

**FEARS** are mounting that more beds are to be axed at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend - as the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Local Health Board grapples with the £3m budget deficit on which it ended the financial year in April.

Staff at the hospital understand that 10 medical beds are to go - plus a further six beds on Ward 11 at weekends.

This ward deals with gynaecology patients, but The GEM has been told that it is used at weekends for patients admitted via Accident and Emergency, until beds can be found for them in other wards.

These closures would mean a reduction of 16 beds at weekends to deal with admissions, despite the fact that bed managers are often desperately trying to find beds to deal with the demand.

Any bed losses at Bridgend would be on top of the reduction of 200 beds in the area which has taken place since 1985.

Research has revealed that when the Princess of Wales hospital first opened, there were more than 700 beds locally in a variety of small hospitals, including Cefn Hirgoed,

Blackmill, Merthyr Mawr Road, Llynfi, Maesteg, Maesgwyn and in the old Bridgend General Hospital.

Many of these hospitals have since closed and overall bed numbers now stand at 500-plus - 200 less than 25 years ago, despite an ageing population and new people moving into the area to houses built at Broadlands and elsewhere.

A spokesman for the board confirmed that a review was under way, looking at processes, procedures and the way in which beds are used. This is aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of services.

The board has refused to comment on specific details and did not confirm or deny The GEM's question about the Princess of Wales Hospital.

The statement said that it would be "sharing its thinking, as ideas take shape, with the public once they have been talked through with staff".

The statement added that the trust is developing the Stroke unit at the hospital to increase the space available for rehabilitation, and this was currently being looked at.

The board did not answer the question put by The GEM, asking how many beds had been axed at the hospital in the past two years.

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# VINTAGE CARS TO GO ON SHOW IN BRYNGARW COUNTRY PARK



Classic motorcycles at last year's event.

A visit to Bryngarw Country Park, Brynmynyn, Bridgend on Sunday, June 13 from 11am-4pm will give the public the chance to see some of the finest vintage vehicles in Great Britain on display.

A spokeswoman for Bridgend County Borough Council said: "Why not start your morning by strolling around these beautifully restored vintage vehicles and classic motorcycles. In the afternoon, watch pre-war Austin 7s being put through their paces in various driving tests. Admission to the rally is free and the car park is £2.

"If you love cars then this is the event for you!"

For further information, call the rangers office on 01656 725155 or email [bryngarwpark@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:bryngarwpark@bridgend.gov.uk).



Vintage vehicles line up for last year's event.

**RIGHT:** Katy Evans, bronze winner, is pictured with Brian Robinson, Coleg Sir Gar Principal, who hosted the competition with Sian Thomas, section leader for beauty and holistic therapies competition sponsors.



## Katy scoops bronze in search for Wales' top beauty therapists

**BRIDGEND** student Katy Evans has scooped third prize in a quest to find the nation's best beauty therapist.

Katy, aged 19, a Level 2 beauty therapy student at Bridgend College, battled it out with 14 other regional finalists to win a third place podium finish at the south Wales regional heat of the beauty therapy competition, which is part of SkillsCompetition Wales.

Backed by the Welsh Assembly Government, through the European Social Fund, SkillsCompetition Wales promotes the importance of developing a workforce with strong vocational and trade skills.

The beauty therapy arm of the competition is run by Coleg Sir Gar and sponsored by VTCT the specialist awarding body for the hairdressing and beauty sector.

Katy said: "Taking part in the competition gave me the opportunity to observe the standard of skills developed within my area from other colleges and students. It is great to know that the

standard of work I am producing is recognised as being at a high level."

All the competitions are based on similar criteria to the UK and WorldSkills contests – the globes largest skills competition. The Beauty Therapy Intermediate Welsh Heats acts as a feeder route into WorldSkills.

WorldSkills sets global standards in more than 40 categories ranging from automobile technology to web design, construction and hairdressing. The biennial event is the largest skills competition in the world and attracts around a thousand competitors from as many 50 countries.

The Welsh Assembly Government is encouraging businesses and skills providers in Wales to join forces in a bid to secure medals at WorldSkills 2011.

Lesley Griffiths, Deputy Minister for Skills, Innovation and Science, said: "I congratulate Katy on her hard work and commitment. SkillsCompetition Wales encourages people to reach their full potential and recognises the importance of craftsmanship

ship across all trades and vocations and the valuable part they play in the health of the Welsh economy.

"It is vital that our workforce has the very highest skills and we continue to strive for excellence across all sectors to ensure Wales can compete on the international stage."

## FILM REVIEWER SHOWED 'BIAS'

**I WRITE on behalf of all the women who attended the opening of 'Sex and the City 2' in Cardiff on May 28, who comprised women of all ages, colours, shapes and sizes (and the many gay guys!) who laughed, cheered and whooped through this hilarious and witty film and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.**

**I felt compelled to respond to (reviewer) Gareth Jamieson's pompous, boring and pointless rant slating of this film in The**

**GEM last week.**

**We get it, Mr Jamieson, you didn't like it ... well, most women would love it – just as most women don't like boring, gadget filled blokey films (or football!).**

**Your review was one-sided and boring; send a woman to review it, especially one who loves shoes, cocktails and shopping.**

**You would get a different review. Here's to 'Sex and the City 3'!**  
**Christine Joyce**

## Dutch choir delights audience at joint concert

**THE** Dutch Millennium Choir completed its short tour of Bridgend county with very well-attended joint concerts at the Bethlehem Church Life Centre, Cefn Cribbwr on Friday and at All Saints Church, Porthcawl on Saturday.

At the first concert, the visiting choir were guests of Bridgend Male Choir, which joined them in the performance and at the latter, a similar format with the combined Porthcawl Male Voice Choir and the Port Talbot Cymric Choir.

Both evenings were great entertainment and drew enthusiastic applause from all present. On Sunday, before returning to the Netherlands, the visiting

choristers and their touring party visited Cardiff Bay and the local coastline.

The visiting choir was delighted with the arrangements made for the visit by Vince Scanlon, a great friend of the local choirs, who has recently returned to live in south Wales with his wife Margaret, after some years in Spain.

During the week before these concerts, Bridgend Male Choir was delighted to perform for the residents at Sandville, Kenfig to support the work of the wonderful people who dedicate themselves to the care of those who visit and use the excellent

facilities.

It's good to know that a choir numbering 90+ still feels it of the greatest importance to support all that is good in the locality.

A musical treat for all fans of choirs can be seen and heard this coming weekend at the wonderful open air venue which is Coity Castle in the annual 'Choirs in the Castle' event, when a number of choirs and soloists will be participating. The first performance commences at 6pm on Saturday, June 12 and tickets will be available at the venue. (Don't forget to take a folding chair).

**DAVID T BURT**

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(UNTIL JUNE 17)

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| 14   | Mon  | 08.23 | 9.7 | 20.49 | 9.8 |
| 15   | Tues | 09.11 | 9.9 | 21.29 | 9.9 |
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| 17   | Thur | 10.45 | 9.4 | 23.12 | 9.3 |

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## Life dedicated to helping the young... Youth work chief is new Maesteg mayor

A MAN who has devoted most of his life to helping young people has just been installed as Mayor of Maesteg.

Coun Phil John of Victoria Street, Caerau, received the chain of office from outgoing mayor Steve Smith, also of Caerau.

The new deputy mayor is Coun Gareth Howells of Nantfyllon.

Coun Smith told the annual meeting of Maesteg Town Council that he had enjoyed an exciting and humbling year as mayor.

He said: "It was exciting because of the projects that have been taking place and humbling because of the wonderful welcome I have received wherever I have gone in the valley - whether it be to a function or to the home of golden and diamond wedding couples. Everyone has been fantastic."

He thanked his mother Delia for her support as his consort for the year. He also thanked town clerk Joan Fielding and deputy town clerk Margaret Buckley for all their hard work and support.

Coun John said he was honoured and privileged to be made mayor of Maesteg.

He presented Coun Smith with a plaque of the council's coat of arms to mark his year as mayor. Flowers were presented to Mrs Smith.

She then invested Jennifer Terry, Coun



ABOVE: The new Mayor of Maesteg, Coun Phil John, with his partner Jen Terry, who will be the mayoress. Photograph by Phil Davies

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John's partner, as the mayoress.

Coun John said that he would dedicate his year to the memory of his dear daughter Elizabeth, who died at the age of 18 from a virus and liver complications.

Speaking to The GEM, Coun John said that he was brought up in Maesteg Parc and attended Llywnderw Secondary Modern school.

He was a keen basketball player, coached by Brian Sparkes, and was selected to play for Wales, winning 57 caps from the age of 28 onwards.

He was also a keen rugby player, playing as a lock for Nantfyllon and Maesteg RFC.

Mr John went into industry after leaving school, working for Tuscan Engineering in Bridgend, first as an apprentice fitter and turn-

er and later becoming a tool maker.

However, he got involved with youth work in his spare time after being asked to coach basketball at Caerau Youth Centre. At that time, Alan Davies was in charge.

Mr John remained as a part time volunteer with the youth service but built up experience and qualifications until he reached a point where he became a senior youth worker and ran Caerau Centre after Mr Davies retired.

He said: "My mentor was Jill Evans, who taught me everything I know about working with young people. Jill and her husband Gwyn went on to keep the post office in Llangynwyd until they retired. She was my inspiration."

Mr John remained in his full time job at Tuscan for 22 years but

he then applied for a post as a curriculum development worker with the Mid Glamorgan Youth Service and got the job.

"My patch was the whole county, and I used to visit all the youth centres," he recalled.

When Mid Glamorgan was swept away, he transferred to BCBC where he was involved with all the activities at youth centres including music and drama. He progressed from being curriculum development worker to second in command of the youth service in Bridgend.

In the meantime, he had a health scare in 1996 when he was diagnosed with a brain tumour, which was removed and he said he had been fine ever since.

"I love the work with young people and I have been involved with many different events and activities," he said.

"I am looking forward to us opening a new youth centre in the old Blaenllynfi School in Caerau."

He is also chairman of Basketball Wales which promotes the sport in Wales.

Coun John went to Caerau to live when he married his late wife Cath, who died in 2000. The couple's only daughter, Elizabeth, died 20 years ago.

His new partner is Jennifer Terry, who comes from Rhondda and she has three sons and four grandchildren.

## Diners urged to tap into water scheme

CUSTOMERS at two Porthcawl cafés who ask for tap water with their meals are being encouraged to make a donation to a charity that helps provide clean drinking water to people in the third world.

The Pier café and the Grand Pavilion are the first businesses in south Wales to join the Water Aid campaign.

The scheme is a simple way for restaurants, cafes and bars to raise funds to bring clean, safe water to the 884 million people without it world-wide.

When customers ask for glass or jug of tap water with a meal, they are invited to make a voluntary donation of an amount of their own choice towards Water Aid's water, sanitation and hygiene education projects in the developing world.

The scheme was pioneered at a London restaurant where customers give 15p for tap water. They have raised £12,000 so far.

Cate Warlow, a supporter of Water Aid, who lives in Porthcawl with her husband and three children, took the initiative locally and approached hotels, cafes and bars to invite them to sign up.

"I felt that Porthcawl, as a caring community, a fairtrade town and the home of Sustainable Wales, would welcome this scheme. I always ask for a jug of water when I eat out with my family and we would gladly make a donation to water Aid each time."

"This is a brilliantly simple but effective way of raising funds. Even small donations when added together will make a huge difference to the lives of people living without clean water."

Cate initially approached the Pier Café where owners Esther and Andrea support a wealth of charity events and she was thrilled when the Grand Pavilion also agreed to support the campaign.

Since then, Scolari's, also on The Esplanade, have signed up and Cate hopes that other Porthcawl businesses will join.

"People in Porthcawl should feel proud that it is leading the way in south Wales," she added.

Cate's initiative has been welcomed by the charity. Cara Keane, who is overseeing the project, said that they were hoping to see more businesses and their customers joining in.

Anyone who wishes to find out more locally can contact Cate on 01656 788101.

## JURY FAILS TO AGREE IN TOWN ASSAULT CASE

by AJ SICLUNA

AFTER retiring for more than three hours, a jury at Cardiff Crown Court failed to agree in a case in which a professional rugby league player was accused of attacking a man in Bridgend, causing him to suffer a lip injury which needed 22 stitches.

Curtis Cunningham, 23, of Cardiff, had pleaded not guilty to wounding James Trevelyan.

The jury was discharged, he was released on bail, and will be retried in August.

Prosecutor Hwyl Hughes said that about

3am on August 24, Mr Trevelyan left a club in the centre of Bridgend. He noticed two men, including Cunningham, wearing "distinctive outfits" including a skull cap and goggles, and they appeared to be having problems with girls, involving some hostility.

Mr Trevelyan went up to Cunningham and confronted him about the way he was treating the girls.

Cunningham said: "What are you going to do about it?"

It is alleged that he threw a single blow which felled Mr Trevelyan to the

ground.

"His lip was hanging off," he said.

He was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital, but was later transferred to the plastic surgery section at Morriston Hospital.

When arrested, Cunningham said he acted in self defence.

He said the girls involved were "going crazy".

He said he believed Mr Trevelyan was going to strike him and as a result, he struck him.

The incident was captured on CCTV.

Mr Trevelyan said he had had seven or eight pints to drink, but was not drunk.

He said he became involved to calm matters down.

## Crime has dropped 'in all categories' – BRIDGEND POLICE REPORT

POLICE in Bridgend say they have had a very successful 12 months which has seen "reductions in crime levels across almost all recorded categories".

They say that as a result of strong collaborative work with Bridgend County Borough Council and other members of Safer Bridgend, there has been an overall reduction in crime of 26 per cent from November to April 2009-10, compared with the same period 12 months earlier.

Overnight crimes, from 10pm-6am, have seen an overall reduction of 22 per cent.

Recent results show falls in criminal damage of six per cent, violent crime of 21.5 per cent, and a 22 per cent fall in public order offences.

Drug-related incidents have increased from just one incident being recorded in 2008-09 to 12 recorded incidents in 2009-10, which is down to increased levels of policing, searching premises and detaining offenders.

Superintendent Steve Furnham of Bridgend police said: "There have been some significant reductions in crime levels in Bridgend town centre and this has been down to all the hard work of the police and community safety teams over the past months, with continuing work being carried out in the town centre, with increased patrols and improved relations with licensees."

"Joint police operations such as Apache and Raven have also had

a big impact and more work is required to reduce the levels further."

He pointed out: "However, public perception needs to be tackled as Bridgend Town Centre has not got a good reputation. A recent public survey in the town centre suggests that even though crime

levels are falling, the public have a negative image of the area.

"We need to change this perception by letting people know about all the good work we have been doing for the public to see that Bridgend town centre is changing for the better and it is a safe place to visit."

## Louise's brave battle

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Louise, who now works in publishing as an art editor, explained: "At the appointment I was told it wasn't much to worry about, but that I could have it removed."

"Partly out of vanity, I wanted to go ahead with it, and so I had the growth removed at the GP surgery."

"I had the shock of my life, when my doctor showed up at my house two weeks later with my notes in his hands."

"I was told I had malignant melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, and he used my phone to call the hospital so I could have emergency surgery."

"At the age of 18, I had no idea what malignant melanoma was. I wasn't really an adult and it wasn't something I could talk about easily with anyone, as no one else knew what it was either."

Louise added: "After the operation at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend to remove a larger area, I had to wait a couple of weeks to find out that everything had been removed and that it had-

n't spread.

"Being diagnosed with cancer as a teenager was such a shock, you have different worries to your friends and you can feel so alone."

"It was a life-changing experience."

She added: "I was certainly not a sun-worshipper, but I had used a sun bed once, and wish I hadn't."

"The important thing is that anyone who is worried about a change in their body should go and get it checked out; it's incredibly important that we act upon these changes."

Carly Gibbs, Cancer Research UK Shine Event Manager, said: "Louise Day is a true shining light and we are thrilled that her story is helping to put the spotlight on Shine."

"While Shine is one event for thousands of people, participants can choose the length of their route and which cancer to fundraise for so that their Shine experience can be unique to them."

For more information, or to sign up to take part in the Shine event, visit [www.cancer-researchuk.org/shine](http://www.cancer-researchuk.org/shine)



Officers and staff from Bridgend CID training in the Brecon Beacons.

## Bridgend CID's challenge: three peaks in 24 hours

POLICE officers and staff from Bridgend CID will be taking on the challenge of conquering the three highest mountains in Wales, England and Scotland within 24 hours to raise funds for Welsh cancer charity Tenovus.

A team of 16 officers and staff, supported by four drivers, will set off from the foot of Ben Nevis in the early hours of Friday, June 11 to

tackle Britain's highest peak at 4,093 feet above sea level.

As soon as they complete the first leg of their marathon challenge, they will be heading south out of the Scottish highlands on a six hour drive to the Lake District and the daunting climb up the 2,980 feet Scafell Pike - the highest peak in England.

After coming off the mountain, as darkness has fallen, they will then continue south to Snowdon for the final leg of their challenge, the early morning ascent of the 3,307 feet high peak

where they hope to successfully complete their challenge within their 24 hour goal.

Detective Inspector Jason Redrup of Bridgend CID said: "We have been training for this challenge for several months, covering many miles within the Brecon Beacons."

"We have set ourselves a target of raising at least £4,000 and are confident that we will exceed this."

"We are not underestimating the difficult task ahead of us, but with careful planning and a good support team we

are sure we can do it."

The Tenovus 3 Peaks Challenge was launched in 2003 and has gained momentum to become a key event in the Tenovus fundraising calendar.

To date, more than half a million pounds has been raised for Tenovus through the challenge and more than 1,650 people have been involved as part of a walking team or support crew, not to mention the number of people and companies who have sponsored these teams and followed their progress.



# Maesteg charity event raises £6,000 Party in the Park helps Kilimanjaro cancer trek appeal

**PARTY in the Park** was the name of an outdoor event in Maesteg which attracted more than 2,000 people.

Held at Maesteg Welfare Park, it was organised by Richard Collins of Travella and Shayne Walsh, who is opening a recording studio in the town.

It was organised to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Care's Kilimanjaro Trek, which Richard is taking part in. It is hoped that the party will have raised in excess of £6,000 for the charity.

Mr Collins, who has set up his own Garmwen Trust charity with his wife, Margaret, in memory of their son Alex who was killed in a plane crash in Thailand more than two years ago, said that the party was a fantastic event.

"The weather was fabulous and it was a great day out for the whole family."

"The police told me afterwards that there was no trouble at all from those attending and they

received no complaints from residents about noise or nuisance."

Shayne Walsh said that eight local bands played throughout the day and it was a "wonderful" family event.

"There is a covenant on the park which forbids the sale of alcohol and we decided to go along with that and not have a beer tent," he said.

"Of course, some people did bring their own alcohol with them, but there was no drunkenness or bad behaviour. It was the sort of event you could bring your children to in confidence."

A fun fair was laid on for the children, together with other entertainment, a hog roast and stalls.

The event ended at 10.30pm, as the organisers had promised local residents there would be no noise after 11pm.

"The bands finished at 7pm but we had DJs after that and hundreds of people went out dancing."

"This was a real community event and people brought picnics and stayed all day. We are grateful to the people of

Maesteg for their support," Mr Walsh reported.

All the bands gave their services free, as did the technical people who created the stage and installed the lighting and sound rigs.

Mr Walsh has just moved to Maesteg from Maidstone and he is renting space above Travella to create his studio.

"I am grateful to everyone who gave their services free. All the other people who had the stalls and the fun fair are making a donation from the money they took," he said.

Mr Walsh added that

the stage was built by Mike Rees and his team and Pure Tech Sound Systems provided the lights and sound system.

Rock music producer Graham Waller turned up with his mobile studio and has recorded the concert, which will be released on a CD which will be sold to boost profits from the event.

"We wanted to promote local bands and give them a showcase for their talent," he added. "We now hope to make it an annual event. This was the first of what we hope will be many."

(SEE PICTURES ON PAGE 22)

## Supporters gear up for Carers Week

**CARERS Week** looks like being a busy time for the supporters of Cross Roads Care, which is based in Porthcawl.

A coffee morning is

taking place during the week (June 14-18) at the home of Dr Pat Parry, at Greyholme in Nottage village.

The event, on Thursday, June 17 at 10.30am, is open to all and there will be sale of bric-a-brac so those attending can browse amongst books, plants, cakes and other items. Tickets cost £1, payable at the door.

The day before, an all-day event for carers takes place at Nolton Church Hall from 9.30am to 3pm.

There will be nail, hand and feet therapies, craft taster sessions, laughter workshops and lunch.

Thursday also sees an art exhibition at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl from 10am to 1.30pm aimed at bereaved carers and there's also a walk to Nash Point on Friday June 18.

Places for these three events can be booked on 01656 658479.

The group operates community cafes at two venues – Ogmere Vale and Porthcawl.

The café in Ogmere is each Tuesday afternoon at the Welfare Hall and the one in Porthcawl, at Trinity Church, is on Wednesdays.

Both are open from 12.30pm to 3.30pm and everyone is welcome to sample the freshly made sandwiches and cakes.

Information and support for carers is also available and carers can bring the person they are caring for with them.

Two other cafes are planned – one in Caerau and the other in Pyle.

## Go-ahead sought for new crossing

**PORHCWAL Town Council is being asked to give the go-ahead tonight (Thursday) to plans to provide a new pedestrian crossing in the town.**

The council's capital estimates committee has recommended that the scheme should proceed.

It was told that the work, to be carried out by Bridgend County Borough Council, would cost £25,750. The committee has also recommended that BCBC be asked to produce detailed plans and costs.

The new crossing would be placed on Newton-Nottage Road and would be paid for out of the extra money the town council has received as a result of raising its precept.

The location of the crossing has already caused some controversy with one resident stating that it would create a road hazard in that location as too few people would use it.

## GEM Quiz League posers

**THESE will test your memory:**

1 What name is given to glands in the human body that manufacture hormones and secrete them directly into the blood stream?

2 What was the name of the hero of the classic 1960s public information film about a man who could not park his car properly?

3 In which athletics event did Walter Cierpinski win successive gold medals in the 1976 and 1980 Olympic games?

4 Which Royal Navy battleship was sunk at anchor in Scapa Flow by the German submarine U47 only a month after the start of the Second World War?

**A RUDGE (Hon sec BGQL)**

4 HMS Royal Oak.  
3 Marston.  
2 Melchusband.  
2 Reginald.  
1 Endochines.  
**ANSWERS**

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## Drugs suspect found with heroin in underpants

**by AJ SICLUNA**

**WHEN police searched a man suspected of possessing drugs, they found a quantity of heroin wrapped around his genitals, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.**

Craig Davies, 26, of Bridgend, admitted possessing heroin.

He was found not guilty of possession of

the drug with intent to supply.

Sentence was adjourned for reports and he was remanded on bail.

Prosecutor Nicholas Gareth Jones said that on the morning of October 8, at about 8.45am, the police were

on their way to Davies' flat to execute a search warrant.

On the way, they spotted him in Quarella Road.

He was arrested and during a strip search, they found heroin secreted on his genitals.

In his flat, they found 16 items of heroin.

He told the police: "It is all mine, I've got a bad habit."

## Local singer's tribute to Tom Jones at 70

**BRIDGEND residents who watched this week's BBC Wales tribute to Sir Tom Jones at 70 were surprised to see a familiar face pop up on screen, singing a TJ classic!**

The programme went on Monday, June 7, and to help the nation celebrate Sir Tom's 70th, the TV company produced a special version of 'Delilah' featuring people from all over Wales.

The promotional film was screened on BBC One Wales on Monday, following the evening news programme *Wales Today*, at 6.55pm.

Tony Mullins from Bridgend, a social worker and BBC Wales community reporter, was one of the singers and said: "Tom Jones is a legend and such a nice guy, so it was great to be part of his birthday celebrations."

"I'm a professional singer and have been with Maesteg Operatic Society for 48 years and am going to be singing a solo with Kenfig Male Voice Choir at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday."

"I'll also be doing a 10-minute solo in front of thousands of rugby fans at



**ABOVE:**  
**Tony Mullins.**

the Bradford Bulls game on Sunday. "I love Tom's performances, he's what you would call a rounded performer with total commitment to what he does and you know that when he's singing he really loves it."

## Pubs offer convenient answer for those who are caught short

**SPENDING a penny in Porthcawl should be easier from now on – thanks to a pioneering scheme to pay pub landlords and café owners to open up their toilets for public use.**

The Comfort Scheme has been rolled out across Bridgend county borough and has been co-ordinated by BCBC.

The aim is to provide clean, safe and accessible public toilets in convenient locations for both residents and visitors to the borough.

Local businesses are paid a small annual fee to open their toilets up to the public. The fee depends on the facilities they offer.

Members of the public can then use the toilets for free during opening hours without any need to make a purchase. Some premises offer disabled toilets and baby changing facilities.

Porthcawl has the highest number of participating businesses – all pubs and hotels – which will be a boon for visi-

tors.

Those taking part are the Jolly Sailor and Ancient Briton in Newton; Harbour Lights at the Hi Tide and the amusement arcade also at the Hi Tide; The New Brogdren in New Road; the Pier Hotel on the Esplanade; The Atlantic Hotel and the Fairways Hotel further along the front at West Drive and the Farmers Arms in Nottage.

The Prince of Wales at Ton Kenfig, near Kenfig Pool, is also participating, as is the Angel Inn in nearby Mawdlam.

Bridgend pubs have been slower off the mark, with just two signed up – the Three Horseshoes in Queen Street and the Riverside Tavern, formerly the Jolly Brewer in Brewery Lane.

Only two pubs in the valleys have joined – The Oddfellows in Betws and the Braich y Cymmer in Pontypridd.

The need for more public toilets has been causing concern to community and town councils throughout the area. Maesteg Town Council has recently paid for a new 'Tardis' type toilet

unit to be placed in the town's main car park, and Porthcawl Town Council has also been investigating.

Members have received a complaint from a Porthcawl resident who was refused permission to use toilets, at the Grand Pavilion.

Judith McCarthy, of Westbourne Place, wrote to complain that one evening, she entered the foyer of the Pavilion to ask if she could use the toilets, but was refused and told to go to a nearby hotel.

She was told that the Pavilion had been hired that night, but asked whether patrons of the café bar at the pavilion would also be expected to use toilets at The Seabank.

Councillors were told that there were issues of security, health and safety if non-patrons of the Pavilion were allowed to use the toilets.

The letter of complaint has been passed onto the management of the Grand Pavilion for their comments.

## Louise and friends are up to the three peaks challenge!



*Louise and friends pictured during their climbing session.*

### Well done!

**Congratulations to Louise Jones and her magnificent friends who achieved the almost impossible task of climbing the three peaks of Ben Nevis, Snowdon and Scafell Peak in 24 hours.**

Louise and her friends were not sure if they would be able to fly to Glasgow due to the volcanic dust crisis, but luck was on their side.

On arriving in Glasgow, though the car which had been booked to take them to Ben Nevis didn't arrive, this did not deter the intrepid group and they were soon on their way with two drivers.

Weather conditions were grim in Ben Nevis. The group encountered a blizzard and had to walk through over a foot of snow to get to the peak.

It rained severely on Scafell Pike, with strong, biting winds at the sum-



### COMMUNITY NEWS

**TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**

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mit, which made it difficult to stand up.

Snowdon was packed with day trippers, so the ascent and descent meant lots of detours!

Their car navigation system wanted to take the group the scenic route around the country!

Instead of leaving them an already tight four hours to climb and descend the mountain, they actually only had three hours to climb Snowdon and come down again.

The ascent was so fast, one hour and 24 minutes, that Louise's boot disintegrated.

A stranger lent her a hair bobble, which enabled her to keep the

boot together and get over the finish line with just 15 minutes to spare!

Louise would like to thank all the readers of The GEM who have contributed so generously; also the folk of Llangan, who have known Louise since her childhood.

We are all extremely proud of her efforts. Louise and her friends have raised £4,500 – and still counting.

Further donations please, for Motor Neurone Disease Research: contact [www.justgiving.com/wal](http://www.justgiving.com/wal) king for paul or send direct to Louise Jones, at 1 Olaf Court, 50A Kensington Church Street, London W8 4DG.



# LIVING ROUGH IN THE WILDS OF MERTHYR MAWR!

*'I'm a councillor, get me out of here!'*



AS part of Wales Biodiversity Week (June 5-12), four of Bridgend County Borough Council's elected members and four members of staff are taking on the wilds of Merthyr Mawr, as part of a drive to raise awareness of biodiversity issues!

The project, called 'I'm a councillor, get me out of here!' will see the eight participants learning bushcraft skills from professional instructor Richard Rees, founder of Wild Spirit Bushcraft. They will be taught how

to start a fire from scratch with friction fire lighting techniques, build a shelter and sleep in it, go on a wild plant forage and prepare their own meal.

The council's biodiversity champion, Coun John Spanswick, said: "We have some areas of international environmental importance in Bridgend county borough. With our mix of ancient woodland, wild meadows, rivers, sand dunes and coastline, we have an equally diverse range of species, including unique fen orchids and medicinal leeches which have amazing healing properties.

Andrew Jolley, Coun Jefferson Tildesley, Coun John Spanswick, Julia Hopkins, Coun Wayne Morgan, Sally Jones, Zoe Livermore and Coun Phil White, on their way into camp.

"This project is a unique way to draw attention to the diversity of our surroundings. I can't wait to put my natural survival instincts to the test and learn something new at the same time – providing I don't have to eat any bugs, of course!"

The four spaces made available to BCBC employees had to be won through a vote. Those taking part were asked to campaign among their colleagues to secure votes and earn their place in the dunes, spreading the word about biodiversity issues at the same time.

For more details on these or any other events planned, log on to the council's website ([www.bridgend.gov.uk](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk)).

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## Pencoed adult learner claims prestigious award

COLEEN TREHARNE from Pencoed is celebrating – after winning the annual Bridgend county adult learner of the year award.

She won the award for her achievements in studying Information technology (ITQ) at Bridgend College.

Nominated by her lecturer, Annette Evans, Coleen has had to deal with various personal

LEFT: Coleen Treharne presented with her award at the ceremony at the Coal Exchange, Cardiff Bay.

issues throughout her life. She is originally from Devon, but has lived in Pencoed for 21 years.

Adult learner of the year awards are presented in each of Wales' 22 counties to coincide with the Adult Learners' Week, the UK's largest festival



and celebration of adult learning, co-ordinated by NIACE Dysgu Cymru, which is celebrating 25 years of promoting adult

learning in Wales.

Coleen was chosen by the Bridgend County Learning Festival group and received her award in a special ceremony at the Coal Exchange, Cardiff Bay.

Richard Spear, Director of NIACE Dysgu Cymru said: "Coleen and the other award winners around the country have achieved a great deal, some overcoming serious obstacles to pursue their learning."

"They are also representative of the thousands of people achieving success through learning right across Wales."

Adult Learners' Week involves thousands of people taking part in free learning events and activities throughout Wales. Co-ordinated by NIACE Dysgu Cymru, it is core-funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Social Fund.

## Police chief comes 'home' for crucial role

Detective Chief Inspector Marc Lamerton, has recently joined the Bridgend and Vale division to head up criminal justice and partnerships in both counties.



DCI Marc Lamerton.

DCI Lamerton, who lives in Llantwit Major and began his career in Barry in 1995, has spent the last three years working in South Wales Police's public protection department, tackling the issues of domestic abuse and managing dangerous offenders.

He previously worked in CID and in uniform in Pontypridd, Merthyr Tydfil and the Rhondda Valleys.

and I look forward to harnessing that to improve performance even more than has already been achieved.

"I'm particularly looking forward to working with our partners in Safer Bridgend and Vale, in tackling key issues such as reducing anti-social behaviour and increasing confidence within our communities."

"I also want to build on the successes that have already been achieved in Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan, so that it maintains its reputation as a safe place to live, work and visit."

## Your recycling revolution starts NEXT WEEK!

After months of planning, Bridgend County Borough Council and its partners May Gurney, will be bringing you a brand new recycling and waste service starting from next week.

As you will have read in your introductory letters, all your recycling, including food waste, will now be collected EVERY WEEK. And as you can now recycle a much wider range of materials, including food waste, plastics, tins, cardboard, paper and textiles, that should mean you are throwing less into your landfill sacks. So we will be collecting your waste bags EVERY FORTNIGHT.

We appreciate this means you will need to adjust the way you treat your recycling and waste, but your cooperation is vital. By recycling more we will be able to create a much cleaner, greener environment in which to live now and in the future, reduce our carbon footprint and avoid costly landfill taxes and fines.

We need your help to make this work, so please take the time to read the information you have been sent which explains how the scheme will work and what you need to do when.

**The materials you can recycle using the new service are:**

### First black box

- ✓ Paper, newspapers, magazines, telephone directories, catalogues, junk mail and Yellow Pages. Shredded paper must be placed in a carrier bag and labelled.



### Second black box

- ✓ Glass bottles, jars (please rinse first).
- ✓ Drink and food cartons (please rinse first).
- ✓ Cardboard - greeting cards, clean packaging and flattened boxes. Large pieces of cardboard should be ripped up to fit into the box or flattened into small manageable bundles and placed alongside the box.



### Food waste

- ✓ Compostable food waste bags can be used to line the small kitchen caddy. All food waste, cooked or raw, including meat, fish and bones can then be placed inside the caddy bags. The bags can then be removed and placed for collection in the main food waste container.



### Blue reusable sack

- ✓ All plastic bottles including milk, drink, shampoo, detergent and cosmetic bottles (remove the bottle tops and squash bottles as far as possible). Other plastic containers including yoghurt pots, food trays (not black) and plastic cups.
- ✓ Aerosols, foil and food tins and drink cans



### Your recycling revolution checklist

Are you ready for the new service next week? You should now have:

- ✓ Two black boxes
- ✓ Sturdy blue sack
- ✓ Recycling information booklet and FAQ sheet
- ✓ A coloured card explaining your collection day
- ✓ Brown food waste bin and kitchen caddy, plus a roll of biodegradable caddy liners and reminder stickers for each box - **REMEMBER YOU CAN RECYCLE ALL FOOD WASTE**



MAY GURNEY  
[www.maygurney.co.uk](http://www.maygurney.co.uk)



For details on any of the council's recycling services, or for a free household waste guide giving details on how to live a greener life, please contact Bridgend County Borough Council 01656 643643.



# Porthcawl Lifeguards get ready for summer



Some of the youngsters who are benefiting from local businesses' support.

**THE season is picking up and the professional lifeguards are back at the watchtower on Rhych Point.**

New members are joining the club all the time, and when the Porthcawl Lifeguard Club (PLGC) held its AGM on in May, chairman Ben Longhurst announced that membership had grown from just a dozen or so in 2008, to more than 130 members this year!

Training Officer, Steph Davenport said: "The club calendar is starting to get busy now with lots of nipper carnivals, competitions and even an S4C TV film crew filming the members in action!"

Also, PLGC is hosting more and more exciting events like the recent IRB boat training weekend."

Ben commented: "All this means that the generous support the volunteer club receives through donations from local businesses, such as Finnegan's chip shop, goes a long way to supporting our local youngsters in getting involved

in exciting activities on the beach and in the surf."

Club vice-president Vic Davies added: "Many thanks also go for donations recently made by other local supporters, The Jolly Sailor and Newton Parish."

The club is still doing its bit with the beach cleans on Sandy Bay and is holding a fun and informative 'Schools Day Beach Clean' on Friday, June 25 with the Marine Conservation Society, Keep Wales Tidy, Groundwork Trust, Porthcawl Lions, Glamorgan Wildlife Trust, RNLI, Coastguards and others, to get local school kids learning about the effects of litter on the beach!

There will be between 150-200 primary school pupils descending on Sandy Bay that day with Eco-Schools Co-ordinators and the club hopes to show off its new lifeguard station building for the event.

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Hold on to your seat....

## Porthcawl police hope to bike it!

**POLICE in Porthcawl will be able to get on their bikes - if Porthcawl councillors agree tonight (Thursday) to give the local force £1,400.**

The money would be used to buy three new bikes for the use of the PCSOs.

Sgt Mike Davies, who made the request, said that the bikes would enable officers to cover their patches

more effectively, and be able to stop and chat to residents and passers-by, which was an important part of their role.

The council was told that the bikes the police already have are not suitable for women.

The council's administration committee has recommended granting the money, but the full council will decide tonight.

## Porthcawl firefighters win in the west country



**BOOSTED by their success in coming third in both challenges at Cardiff, the Porthcawl firefighters' extraction team entered the Avon extrication challenge in May, where they came first and won the Avon Fire and Rescue Extrication.**

**PICTURED left to right (standing): Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Avon Fire and Rescue Service; Firefighters Rob Collins, Peter Bevan, crew manager; Nathan Bennet, (Front) Hommie Parvini; Jeff Tombs. Photograph by KEITH E MORGAN.**

## YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**Well done!**

**CONGRATULATIONS go to Rhyddian Jenkins, a pupil the 9-15 age group solo soprano competition at the Urdd Eisteddfod last week.**

It is quite a testing ordeal for these youngsters to reach the finals: they have to go through area, county and preliminary heats in the eisteddfod itself to reach the finals.

Rhyddian did really well, winning each heat at every stage of this competition, with the three best singers going on to the finals.

Rhyddian was the Bridgend 'Young Singer of the Year' winner of the junior section in 2009.

He joined with the combined choirs Maesteg Gleemen, Cór Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch and Cór Yr Hen Blwyf in leading the singing at the Millennium Stadium for the Wales-South Africa rugby international last weekend.

It was the first time these choirs had been invited to help lead the singing there. It was the first time that the Beatles hit 'Hey Jude' had been sung at a Welsh international rugby game, and the crowd evidently enjoyed it. They also sang the South African national anthem which consists of four verses each in a different language.

### Children's choir

**MAESTEG Children's Choir is holding its 24th annual concert at Maesteg town hall on Friday, July 2 at 7pm.**

This year, the title is "From Broadway to Boogie" and it is based on the sensational music of the 1970s.

I have seen a few of this choir's concerts and they do not just sing - they have some marvelous dance routines, with change of costumes to suit, and of course stage scenery to match.

The choir has a dedicated committee who work hard through the year to ensure the concert is a success.

This year, four choir members will be leaving after reaching the age of 18: they are Rhian Hughes, Charlotte Hanbury, Catherine Jenkins and Rebecca Lewis, each of whom had joined the choir at the age of eight.

Tickets can be obtained from Maesteg Town Hall, choir members and Sian on 01656 732385.

### Presentation evening

**ABERKENFIG Boys and Girls Club is holding**

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

*A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:*

*If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.*

*I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.*

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**email: tyncoed1@yahoo.co.uk**



**ing its annual presentation evening in the Sports Hall at Tondur cricket club on Friday, June 25.**

The presentation to the various section winners is due to begin at 7pm, followed by a buffet and then a discotheque, which is programmed to carry on until late.

There is free entry for members, with non members charged £2. Further information can be obtained from Gareth on 07764 499147.

**School fete**  
**CROESTY primary school, Pencoe's PTA is holding its annual fete at the school on Saturday, June 19 at 12.30pm.**

The theme will be 'Countries of the World (Cup)' and children will be encouraged to wear a fancy dress representing a country of their choice, or their favourite world cup team football kit.

They will take part in a parade which will be judged by the Mayor. Adults can also dress up and join in the parade!

There will be a number of stalls with tombola, face painting, refreshments, and chocolate fountains, together with a bouncy castle or bungee slide, go karts, and "beat the goalie" for the children to enjoy.

Other entertainment will include line dancers, a brass band and a display of Tang-so-do.

**Plants appeal**  
**OGMORE Vale primary school head-**

**teacher Paul Booth, is asking if anyone can help planting alongside the infants' playground, with free donations of wild bushes or trees (to be planted on a Saturday morning).**

Hopefully, if the weather stays dry the sports day for class KS1 will take place on Tuesday, June 15; class KS2 will be on Wednesday, June 16 - both from 1.30pm. Families welcome.

### Eco-fair success

**I HAVE been informed by organisers of the recent Eco-fair at South and West Wales Wildlife Trust's Parc Sllp that it was a big success.**

They would like to thank volunteers who

worked so hard in setting up the stalls. Without them they would not have been able to cope.

Secondly, they would like to thank the public who supported the event and making it a success.

The trust is always looking for volunteers to help manage 90-odd conservation sites. If any member of the public is interested in volunteering, telephone 01656 724100.

### Story tellers wanted!

**TONDU primary school headteacher, Sue Pilcher, is looking for male relatives of pupils to volunteer to read to children at the school from June 14-20 in Fathers' story week - if any one is available that week, please contact Miss Handley.**

She will arrange a suitable time and place for them to read their favourite story to a small group of children.

The PTA is arranging another car boot sale to take place in Lidl's car park on Saturday, June 19 between 9.30am-12noon. For more information, telephone the school.

The PTA is also looking for donations of suitable goods, which can be used as prizes for the Tombola or in the raffle at the forthcoming school fete. If any businesses in the area would like to support the fete, their assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Funds are sorely needed to improve the play-ground facilities at the school.

The school also welcomes donations of clean, two-litre soft drink plastic bottles to help the pupils construct a greenhouse for the school's environmental project.

### Church news

**THE recent plant sale at St Bride's church, Llansantffraid raised the magnificent sum of £300; the members would like to thank the public for their support.**

The recent coffee morning held by Aberkenfig and District United Churches to support Christian Aid at Sarn Community Centre (Life long learning centre) raised the magnificent total of £366. Well done to everyone involved.

All Saints church, Pen-y-Fai summer fete is being held in the primary school grounds on Saturday, June 12 at 2pm.

There will be a number of stalls and cream teas. Everyone is welcome.

**Sarn buffet**  
**A SPECIAL commemorative evening with a buffet laid on, is being held at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre on Wednesday, June 16 at 6.30pm to which all past and present members are invited.**

## Star flying home from US to aid miners' eisteddfod

**THE award-winning actor Owen Teale is flying home to Wales from New York - to take part in a fundraising concert for the South Wales Miners' Eisteddfod.**

The concert takes place at the eisteddfod's home - Porthcawl Grand Pavilion - on Saturday, June 12, at 7pm.

Owen, who comes from North Cornelly, will be giving readings from the works of Dylan Thomas and Gwyn Thomas. He has won a Tony for his performances on Broadway and he has also appeared in many TV dramas.

He will be sharing the platform with the Tredegar Band, who

have had an outstanding year so far, winning competitions in Yeovil, the Welsh Open at Porthcawl, a regional contest in Swansea and the Grand Shield in Blackpool. They were runners-up in the English Masters.

The band will be playing some of the numbers which have brought them such success this year.

A local flavour will be added to the mix by Silk, a harmony singing group from Porthcawl Comprehensive, together with the choir from West Park Primary School.

**Tickets are priced at £10 with £8 for concessions. They are available from the box office on 01656 815995 or on-line at [www.grandpavilion.co.uk](http://www.grandpavilion.co.uk)**

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# Another show stopper! BUT SOCIETY DESERVES BETTER LOCAL SUPPORT

**LAUGHTER rang through the rafters of Maesteg Town Hall when the Llynfi Valley Amateur Dramatic Society staged their latest offering.**

They chose the comedy *Try Anything Twice* by Irish playwright William Rocke – a change from the usual Frank Vickery offering but equally as funny – especially after the cast put their own individual stamp onto the characters.

The play, re-set by the society in a valleys town not unlike Maesteg, concerned the doings of an extended family – with husband and wife

Michael and Josephine played by real life husband and wife, Darren and Tracey Lewis.

Josephine has gone to a holiday camp alone and won a glamorous grandmother competition – and the prize is a week of social events escorted by handsome film star Clive Cartwright, played with suave sophistication and panache by Robert Pearce.

The first Michael knows of this is when it is emblazoned across the front of the local paper prior to Josephine's return.

Her daughter Betty, played by Cheryl Davies, and granny, who lives with them and portrayed by Julie Griffiths, try to hide the paper from him

but to no avail.

When Josephine arrives with the aforementioned film star, all seems set for a confrontation.

The play moves on – with neighbour Charlie, played superbly by Paul Skye, adding his sixpence worth about the situation, and in the second act becomes more of a French farce as sexy French journalist Paulette, played by Sian Rees, turns up to interview Michael.

There was pandemonium in the audience when she strips off to a revealing basque after he tips a drink over her dress during their cosy one-to-one interview – just as nosy neighbour Charlie arrives to watch

the rugby, which Michael has completely forgotten about.

The cast camped the play up wonderfully and it was very funny in places. Darren Lewis was on stage almost throughout and gave a faultless performance, matched by that of Tracey, who does the wronged wife brilliantly.

In fact, everyone was first rate – no weak links in this very strong chain. Julie played the granny with great humour, although decades younger than the part, and Sian was fabulous as Paulette – with a leg crossing routine that reminded me of Sharon Stone in *Basic Instinct*!

The director was Alan Flay, who has himself

delighted audiences in the same hall with his own very funny performances. The society has a very loyal following of supporters, but it would be nice if more people would turn up to experience a very enjoyable evening while supporting the cause of live drama.

Others involved in the production were: *Lighting, Laura Davies; sound, Jonathan Davies; front of house, Barbara Thomas, Violet Evans and Lynne Evans; box office, Betty Hopkins, Susan Bickle, Sarah Smiles Morgan and Linda Sawtell.*

**JAYNE ISAAC**

## Local student Melissa makes a Sublime (photography) splash!

**MELISSA JENKINS, a Bridgend College year-2 student studying BA (Hons) photographic practice, has had her fashion photography work published in the current issue of Sublime magazine.**

Born and raised in south Wales, Melissa spent her youth exploring ways of expressionism through different media forms, primarily art, music and photography.

After studying photography practice for four years, Melissa now specialises in fashion-based photography, experimenting with character building, aiming to create beautiful imagery with an edge, drawing the viewer into a coherent story.

*Sublime* is a bi-monthly international lifestyle magazine, in which Melissa has a 10-page feature, together with the prestigious front cover.

Melissa has a developing fashion photography career and regularly works in London. It is her intention on graduating to become a London-

based freelance fashion photographer.

Her work will feature in the originitphoto exhibition in Cardiff's TactileBOSCH art gallery in June and at

Bridgend College's Graduate Show which opens with a 'Preview Event' at the college's Queens Road Campus taking place today (June 10) at 6pm.

## Council silent on Porthcawl store developer

**B R I D G E N D County Borough Council is keeping mum about the identity of the developer selected to build Porthcawl's new food store, which is a vital part of the regeneration plan and now forms the first phase.**

The supermarket will be built on land that includes the Hillsboro place car park, and stretches across the Portway into the Salt Lake car park.

The Portway will be sealed off and traffic diverted around the promenade.

This supermarket scheme is seen as the anchor to the regeneration in the light of the

weak housing market at present. Plans to build houses and flats on Sandy Bay have been relegated to a later phase until the housing market picks up.

The council has gone through an extensive tendering and consultation process to choose a suitable developer for the supermarket scheme.

Speculation is rife in Porthcawl about the identity of the developer and a strong rumour is circulating that it is Asda.

The council has refused to confirm or deny this and has merely said that it hopes to make an announcement about the identity of the developer within two to three weeks.

## Who wants to build what and where?

Peacocks Stores Ltd – 138-139 Commercial Street, Maesteg – illuminated fascia sign.

Mrs J Bishop – building plot, Blandy Terrace, Pontycymmer, Bridgend – removal of mature oak tree.

Mr SP Maddern – 52 Neath Road, Maesteg – single storey extensions. Mr I John – land opposite 12/13 Garnwen Road, Nantylfyllon, Maesteg – detached garage for storage of caravan/vehicle.

Mr P Thomas – 12 Moriah Place, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend – garage and parking space. Robert Charles David – Char Beck Barn, Bryngwenith Farm, Bridgend – proposed flue (secondary elevation) installed in roof east elevation.

Home Retail Group (Argos) – Argos, Park Plaza, Waterton Cross, Bridgend – installation of two external A/C condensing units to rear.

Mr F Duggan – 48 St Brides Road, Aberkenfig, Bridgend – change roof on garage from flat to pitched roof and raise height.

Dr Peter Beynon – 66 Nolton Street, Bridgend – first floor rear extension and general repairs to shop.

Mr H Pritchard – 71 Tremains Court, Brackla, Bridgend – sun lounge to rear.

Mr A Morgan – 56 Rushfield Gardens, Bridgend – demolish single storey conservatory and erect two storey extension to rear.

Mr and Mrs G Victor – 6 The Whimbrels, Porthcawl – erection of single storey extension.

Mr and Mrs Sumner-Smith – 2 Troed y Rhiw, Maesteg – proposed first floor rear extension to form new bedroom above existing kitchen annex.

Mr A Poole – The Coach House, Heol y Felin, Heol y Cyw,

Bridgend – conversion of existing coach house to two bedroom dwelling.

Mr N Wicheell – 4 Heol y Derw, Giffach Goch, Bridgend – two storey side extension for use as granny flat.

Mr D Morgan – 37 Cwmfelin, Blackmill, Bridgend – single storey side extension.

Miss E Hawkins – 10 Tudor Drive, Bettws, Bridgend – loft conversion complete with rear flat roof dormer.

Mr M Evans – 13 Blackmill Road, Bryncethin, Bridgend – double storey rear extension.

Mr JC Mathias – Parcaw Isaf Farm, Laleston, Bridgend – conversion of barn to dwelling.

Dr S Murighah – 38 Highland Court, Bryncethin, Bridgend – rear single storey extension.

Mr D Tasker – land between 48/60 Adare Street, Wyndham, Ogmrove Vale, Bridgend – three/four bedroom detached dwelling.

Mr D Bridge – 4 Rockfields, Porthcawl – two storey side extension (garage to ground floor and bedroom to first floor).

Mr PW Wetton – 64 Eleanor Close, Pencoeed – two storey extension (re-sub of P/10/95/FUL).

REBCU Communities Directorate – Maesteg Comprehensive School, Ffordd Dysgu, Maesteg – access steps to school – affecting footpath 57A Maesteg.

Llynfi River Care Group – bridge over river Llynfi r/o Cyndu Street, Maesteg – demolish existing unsafe footbridge and replace with timber bridge onto existing abutments.

Logica PLC – Waterton House, Waterton Cross, Bridgend – two external chimney plant compounds 3m x 0.08m x 1.5m at either end of building at ground floor

level.

Mr P Wyatt – 27 Nottage Mead, Nottage – retrospective application for a boundary fence.

Mr Peate – 57 Sandpiper Road, Porthcawl – conservatory to rear.

## Poo-bare town is roadshow's aim

**A DOG fouling roadshow is to be staged by Porthcawl Town Council.**

The issue of dog fouling throughout the town has been discussed by councillors, and council leader David Deere said that it had been decided to stage a roadshow during the summer when dog owners would be able to have the poop-scoop bags and informative leaflets. This will be run by the council's own staff.

It has also been agreed that the council's handyman will patrol areas of the town – the poo hot spots – and clean up.

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| Chutney (Mango/Onion)  | .....0.50 | (Sheek Kebab, Chicken Tikka, Lamb Tikka, Samosa & Onion Bhaji)  |           |
| Pickle                 | .....0.50 | King Prawn Butterfly  | .....3.95 |
| Mint Sauce             | .....0.50 | Rashundi Sharishi   | .....3.95 |
| Onion Bhaji            | .....1.95 | Fish Tikka  | .....3.95 |
| Samosa (Lamb/Chicken)  | .....2.25 | Kalija Puree  | .....3.95 |
| Sheek Kebab            | .....2.25 | (Bhuna lamb Liver)  | .....3.95 |
| Tikka (Lamb/Chicken)   | .....2.25 | Mushroom Pukka  | .....3.95 |
| Chicken Kebab          | .....2.45 | (Dipped in tikka and tandoori spiced warmed up with hot mors (roasted crushed chilli) to make it spicy hot then deep fried. Served with mint sauce and green salad) |           |
| Shami Kebab            | .....2.45 |   |           |
| Tandoori Chicken       | .....2.45 |   |           |
| Prawn Puree            | .....2.45 |   |           |
| Prawn Cocktail         | .....2.45 |   |           |
| Hariyali Chicken Tikka | .....2.45 |   |           |
| Chicken Chaat          | .....2.45 |   |           |

**Traditional Original Curries**

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Madras, Vindaloo or Extra Mushrooms | .....0.50 |
| Chicken                             | .....4.45 |
| Lamb                                | .....4.45 |
| Prawn                               | .....4.45 |
| Mixed Vegetable                     | .....4.45 |
| Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka         | .....5.25 |
| King Prawn or Fish                  | .....7.25 |

**Bhuna, Rogon Josh, Dupiaza, Korma, Pathia & Dhansak**

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Chicken                     | .....4.75 |
| Lamb                        | .....4.75 |
| Prawn                       | .....4.75 |
| Mixed Vegetable             | .....4.75 |
| Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka | .....5.25 |
| King Prawn or Fish          | .....7.25 |

**Original Balti**

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Chicken                          | .....4.75 |
| Lamb                             | .....4.75 |
| Prawn                            | .....4.75 |
| Mixed Vegetable                  | .....4.75 |
| Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka      | .....5.45 |
| King Prawn or Fish               | .....7.25 |
| Chicken, Lamb or Prawn Mushroom  | .....4.95 |
| Chicken, Lamb or Prawn Saag Wala | .....4.95 |
| King Prawn or Fish Mushroom      | .....7.95 |
| King Prawn or Fish Saag Wala     | .....7.95 |

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| Baghari Gosht or Murg         | .....7.95  |
| Baghari Kebab (Chicken Kebab) | .....8.95  |
| Baghari King Prawn or Fish    | .....10.95 |

**Digi Mirch Wala Dishes (hot)**

These dishes are our chef's new discoveries from his trip to Bangla. Cooked with our chef's own recipes, topped up with deep fried red chillies.

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Digi Mirch Wala Gosht or Murg      | .....7.95  |
| Digi Mirch Wala Kebab              | .....8.95  |
| Digi Mirch Wala King Prawn or Fish | .....10.95 |

**Kalija-e-Khas Dishes (liver)**

Popularly served at village wedding parties. Kalija Tawa (medium spiced, lemon flavoured) .....6.95  
Kalija Jaitooni (medium spice, with olives & tomatoes) .....6.95

**Popular Tikka Dishes**

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| Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka Jalfrezi             | .....5.75 |
| Hariyali Chicken Tikka Bhuna                     | .....5.75 |
| Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka Karai Khyber         | .....5.75 |
| Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka Achari (with pickle) | .....5.75 |
| Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka Bhuna                | .....5.75 |

**Massala Dishes**

Cooked with tandoori massala sauce  
Chicken Tikka or Lamb Tikka Massala .....5.50  
Mixed Vegetable Massala .....4.95  
Tandoori King Prawn Massala .....8.95

**FROM THE TANDOOR**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Tandoori Chicken  | .....5.25  |
| Chicken Tikka   | .....5.25  |
| Lamb Tikka  | .....6.95  |
| Hariyali Chicken Tikka  | .....6.95  |
| Tandoori Mixed Grill (with Naan)  | .....6.95  |
| Tandoori Shashlik (medium sauce)  | .....6.95  |
| Rashundi Sharishi Chicken Tikka   | .....7.95  |
| (marinated in home-made garlic and mustard paste with tandoori and tikka spices with our chef's own herbs and spices) |            |
| Mushroom Pukka  | .....6.95  |
| Rashundi Sharishi Fish Tikka  | .....7.95  |
| Special King Prawn  | .....10.95 |
| (Grilled in a tandoori, topped up with massala and mild butter sauce).  |            |
| Tandoori King Prawn   | .....8.95  |

**Biryani Dishes**

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Chicken Biryani         | .....5.75 |
| Lamb Biryani            | .....5.75 |
| Prawn Biryani           | .....5.75 |
| Chicken Tikka           | .....5.95 |
| Lamb Tikka Biryani      | .....5.95 |
| Mixed Vegetable Biryani | .....4.95 |
| King Prawn Biryani      | .....8.50 |

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## Pendoylan farmer is new president of the Vale Show

AT the AGM of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society, Mr Edward Rees of Brynheligen Farm, Pendoylan, was appointed as their new president.

Mr Rees has been born and brought up in Pendoylan where he has always farmed. He produces beef and sheep and is a regular contributor to the Vale farmers' markets.

Mr Rees has sat on the Vale Show committee for many years, acting as assistant treasurer and then chairman. He is very involved in Glamorgan NFU, where he is a county delegate and has served as chair of the Welsh NFU livestock and national NFS beef committees.

One of the most amaz-



EDWARD REES

ing things that Mr. Rees has done was to donate a kidney to his daughter Helen. Happily, although it took them both a while to get over the operations, Helen and father are both now doing very well.

His most important job for the society is to oversee the Vale Show on August 11 at Fommon Castle.

The date is a week earlier than normal in order not to clash with

Pembrokeshire Show, and already the benefits of that decision are being seen, with many more trade stand applications and an increase in the livestock entries.

The main feature display at 4pm in the main ring is James Dylan's Amazing Stunt world. He runs one of the most experienced stunt teams in the country and the display will include ramp jumps, wheelies, stoppies and many more remarkable stunts on a motorbike. He will be followed at 4.45pm by a display by the South Wales Police Dogs.

The police have not displayed their dogs for many years and it is with great excitement that they are now back on the road and will be showing us their skills and obedience.

Those are just two of the hundreds of displays and stands that will be featuring at this year's show.

Schedules for livestock, horses, dogs, horticulture, home produce and trade stands are now available - please contact 01446 710099 or vale.show@btinternet.com.

NICOLA GIBSON (show secretary)

## AA REVIEW PRAISES VENUE It's top marks for the Vale Resort Hotel!

RIGHT: Managing director of the Vale Resort, Stephen Leeke (front right, foreground) with some of his staff.



THE Vale Resort at Hensol has further established its reputation as a UK leader within the hospitality industry, after receiving maximum points in an AA review, to add to the AA rosette for its Vale Grill restaurant.

The resort's rating has increased from 74 per cent to 85 per cent over the last three years - putting it at the very top end of the hotel and leisure industry in the UK.

The Vale Resort is showing a winning formula across its hotel and leisure business as it expands and invests in its facilities on its 650-acre rural site and looks to compete at the very top of its market.

On top of its leading hospitality facilities, the Vale also hosts world-class training bases for Wales' leading sports

businesses including Amlin Challenge Cup winners the Cardiff Blues, the WRU, FAW and Cardiff City FC.

Recently named the UK's Best Large Family Friendly Hotel at the Hotel Excellence Awards 2010, a stay at the picturesque £50m resort was described in this report as "a most positive experience, where guest service was unobtrusive, effective and delivered by a highly-trained professional team".

Stephen Leeke, managing director of the Vale Resort, which celebrated its landmark 10th year in business last year, said:

"We are all delighted with this latest industry accolade and to have secured the highest possible AA rating within our market this year is a proud moment for everyone working here."

"Our vision and philosophy is to be one of the UK's leading inde-

pendent hotel resorts with a focus on providing an excellent level of service, quality dining, helpful and professional staff and that people have a great stay with us whether on business or leisure."

"We are expanding our facilities and to maintain such high scores on every aspect of our business is a mark of the great teamwork we have working here."

"Without the fantastic efforts from everyone, from our housekeeping and reception teams working front of house, to our reservation and administration teams and kitchen porters working behind the scenes, this simply could not have been achieved."

The AA report picked out key areas for praise, including excellent levels of service, friendly and well-presented staff, quality of food, spacious well-appointed bedrooms and high standards of housekeeping.

The report noted: "All staff encountered were friendly, polite and interacted with guests without prompting."

It also stated: "Leisure facilities are some of the best in Wales, grounds are a feature, along with the extensive parking. Housekeeping was seen to be of a high standard throughout."

The resort won its AA rosette for its Vale Grill restaurant last year, which is now under the supervision of head chef Daniel James. The AA report commented on a

"Very good use of fresh ingredients, simply presented."

In September, the Vale was awarded a Gold Award from Visit Wales in recognition of its outstanding quality, exceptional comfort and hospitality.

The resort is home to a £4 million WRU National Centre of Excellence training facilities for the Welsh rugby team, and also boasts training facilities for the Cardiff Blues, Cardiff City FC and the Welsh FA.

## CHURCH CONCERT

All Saints Church, Penarth, will be the venue for a classical music concert on Saturday, June 19, at 7.30pm given by the Cardiff Concert Orchestra.

In May 2009, the conductor received major heart surgery, which was successful and in appreciation, the concert will be supporting the British Heart Foundation.

It includes two concertos - Beethoven romance for violin and orchestra, and Weber's Concerto for bassoon and orchestra, along with Beethoven's Symphony No 6 (Pastoral).

No appointment is necessary. For further information, contact the constituency office in Barry on 01446 740981.

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# Lifeguards pluck children from the sea in dramatic Porthcawl rescue

**LIFEGUARDS** in Porthcawl have carried out a daring rescue of four children and an adult caught in a powerful rip current.

The incident happened in Rest Bay on Saturday afternoon. Four children, aged from 10 to 12, who were body boarding, got into difficulties and were initially assisted by a man who was also body boarding, but who then got into difficulties himself.

The incident happened at about 2pm as the tide was going out. Lifeguard Chris Page of the Rest Bay Lifeguard Club said: "The large surf had attracted a lot of surfers to the beach over the weekend. Many were novice surfers and body boarders who were unfamiliar with the

strong currents we have here at Rest Bay.

"Unfortunately, on Saturday, despite our use of signs and public address safety announcements, five people were unable to make their way back to shore against the current.

"I initially spotted the children drifting towards the rocks and immediately called for back-up before paddling out to them on a rescue board.

"I supported two children on my board while volunteer lifeguards Rhys Breckon and Gareth S Davies paddled out to the two other children, bringing them back on rescue boards."

In the meantime, lifeguard Rhys Brothers swam out to Chris with a rescue tube and was able to take the two children from him leaving Chris to paddle back out to the man who had initially

gone to help the children. Chris went on: "He was struggling against the current and was in danger of getting swept onto the rocks."

Mr Page managed to rescue him, bringing the incident to an end.

Club captain Gareth Davies praised the excellent team work displayed by the lifeguards, as well as their fast reactions.

"Rhys Brothers and Chris were both working as local authority professional lifeguards, but Gareth and Rhys Breckon were both off duty local authority lifeguards down on the beach as volunteers."

"Thanks to the four lifeguards who were involved in the rescue, the four children and the man were all safely returned to the beach; but the most worrying thing is that these children were in the sea alone and really should have had adults with them."

Mr Davies urged visitors to the beach to pay attention to the safety

signs and to only swim and surf in the designated zones. He warned people to only visit beaches which have lifeguards on duty.

Although lifeguards asked the children to remain on the beach while they went back into the water to continue the rescue, the children had gone when the lifeguards returned.

"We have no idea where they were from," added Mr Page. "But I do not think they were local children. It would have been nice to know who they were and where they were from."

There is a strong current at Rest Bay on an incoming tide in the direction of the town plus a rip current at the headland at Rest Bay present on both an incoming and outgoing tide.

People going into the sea at Rest Bay are advised to stay directly in front of the lifeguard station, or on the golf club side of the beach until the tide has backed off from the headland.

## Historic site is again open to public

ONE of Bridgend county borough's historic sites has been re-opened to the public after eight years of closure.

Bedford Ironworks, in Cefn Cribwr, dates back to the 18th century and is both a scheduled ancient monument and a Grade II listed building.

Owned by BCBC, it is considered to be one of the best preserved small ironworks in Britain and the interpretive boards throughout the site illustrate the harsh conditions endured by workers in the early days of the industrial revolution.

Since it closed in 2002, after health and safety concerns, the council has carried out extensive work to safeguard the structure, and additional safety fencing has also been erected.

The council has also worked closely with local historical group Y Cefn Gwyrdd which is now organising a celebration event to mark the reopening in July.

## Couple are jailed after post office counterfeit scam

**REPORT by AJ SICLUNA**

A Nantymoel couple who became involved in a counterfeit US dollars and Euro travellers cheque scam, have been jailed at Cardiff Crown Court.

Michael Cavanagh (35) received eight months and Joanne Harry (27) was given four months.

Both admitted using forged items with intent, and Harry admitted three charges of having the forged items with intent.

Judge Stephen Hopkins said: "Such offences have an impact on commercial confidence."

Cavanagh, he added, was the more culpable of the two.

Prosecutor Geoffrey Jones said that on December 5, Harry went to Nantymoel Post Office and attempted to

change 1,000 US dollars into sterling.

The post mistress was wary and declined to carry out the transaction.

But Cavanagh telephoned her and insisted they be changed.

Harry returned an hour later and left with £556. It was then discovered that the dollars were forged.

Three days later, Harry tried to do the same thing at Bridgend Post Office using 1,500 Euros in the form of travellers' cheques.

"But the astute clerk Mark Britton became suspicious, kept her there and called the police," said Mr Jones.

He said that if all the counterfeit items had been exchanged, they would have obtained £1,919.

When arrested, the

pair said they had obtained the forged items via an internet website, on condition that they returned the senders a percentage of the money they obtained.

They told the police they suspected it was illegal and didn't intend to repay the percentage.

David Haynes, for Cavanagh, said he discovered the "undercover" website on his computer.

"He acted in desperation and accepts how foolish he was. He can't work because at the age of 29 he had a heart attack."

Alastair David, for Harry, said: "The forged items were of very low quality. The case has been a salutary lesson for her, a shop assistant."

The judge told the pair: "It was your joint intention to scam the scammers, and keep all the money."

## DAMAGE TO GRAVES IS 'APPALLING'

Police seek youths

South Wales Police are appealing for witnesses, after a number of graves were desecrated at North Cornelly cemetery.

Sometime between May 27 and June 1, vandals caused damage to a number of graves in the cemetery, including ornaments and flower pots.

Police are investigating the incidents and Porthcawl neighbourhood Inspector Alan James said:

"This is an appalling crime which has caused a lot of distress to the

relatives of the deceased. I am appealing to anyone who can help identify those responsible to contact the police as a matter of urgency.

"A number of youths have been seen in the cemetery in recent days and I am asking them to contact us so we can eliminate them from our enquiries."

Witnesses or anyone with information are urged to contact Inspector Alan James at Porthcawl police station on 101 or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### IN BRIEF

MAESTEG Town council has agreed to contribute £1500 towards the cost of a feasibility study into developing a Three Valleys Cycle Track. Councillors heard that both the Garw and Ogmore Valley Community councils have agreed to pay towards this study, which is designed to boost tourism and leisure in the valleys.



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# RHOOSE ... a charming village in the Vale!

## Why Rhooose is such a great place to live – and what makes it unique in Wales!

**THE village of Rhooose could be said to have 'come of age' in the last few years.**

After all, how many small communities in Britain can claim to provide vital facilities such as hotels and a railway station for an international airport?

The train station, which has provided a much-needed link for villagers to travel to Cardiff, Barry and Bridgend, is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its reopening.

One of the people who has witnessed the changing face of the village at

first hand is Coun Jeff James, who has served on the Vale Council for 31 years, and served on Penmark and Rhooose community councils for a combined total of 14 years.

He said: "I think we were unfortunate that the station had been closed down in the Beeching era.

"In fact, it was worse than closure – the station was torn down and the platforms, too. In Llantwit Major, the platforms were still there and just needed updating.

"It meant Rhooose got two brand new platforms, and the day the station

**by TIM CHAPMAN**

was reopened was a historic day for the village.

"We had a flypast of the Red Arrows, the Minister responsible, Andrew Davies, attended and youngsters from Rhws Primary School were there too."

Transport is one of Coun James's passions – he is the chairman of SEWTA, the South East Wales Transport Alliance – and he is optimistic that the service on the Vale of Glamorgan line will see further improvements in years to come.

"Currently, the service

is hourly, but a £2million investment centred on improving Cogan junction, which is a bottleneck, should see a half hourly service by 2014."

But what of the shuttle service that runs from Rhooose Station to the airport and is being axed?

"I can say that there has been great progress in negotiations between the Vale Council, the Welsh Assembly and Cardiff Airport, and I'm optimistic there will be good news soon."

Coun James said the station was an important symbol for the community. "It recognised the importance of Rhooose to

the airport, and that it was a significant community in the Vale."

The village is also host to high-tech industrial concerns, such as British Airways maintenance and Barry College International Centre for Aerospace Training.

Coun James said that it was hardly surprising that Rhooose had grown so much in recent years, because it has so many things going for it, and has a unique geographical claim to fame.

"I think Rhooose has its own micro-climate! It is the most southerly village in Wales, and the beach is the most southerly point in Wales – weather systems don't seem to be as severe in Rhooose.

"We are lucky with our coast, the walks and the countryside.

"We've also got local businesses and entrepreneurs who know their customers and offer a very good service."

He added: "All these things make Rhooose a great place to live and work."



**LEFT: The picturesque Blue Anchor Inn, in East Aberthaw.**

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# RHOOSE ... a charming village in the Vale!

## Model railway group reforms in Rhose

**T**HE newly formed Rhose and the Vale Model Railway Group are now holding regular club nights on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm at Rhose Social Club.

A well established 00 gauge layout is now in the process of being redeveloped and the running 0 gauge layout is now nearing completion, but there is still plenty to do.

"We will soon be able to boast a new N gauge layout and this is currently well into the planning stage," said spokesman Brian Shears.

New members and visitors are always made welcome, whether established modellers or new to the world of miniature model making.

"If you have a model railway at home and would like to run your trains on our layouts or just need help with your own layout, then come along and meet the team.

"We do have dedicated steam, diesel and even Thomas the Tank Engine nights, so smaller members of the family are also welcome."

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ABOVE: The Fontygary Inn touring caravan park.

## Rhose students shine at Welsh championships

**S**IX students, Luke Pownall, Jay Munn, Liam Padmore, Stuart Padmore, Stephen Williams and Williams, all of Rhose Tae Club, recently competed at the Welsh Open championships.

Each student gave their best on the day, with three competing in their first event in the 'tiny tot' division (under 4ft).

Luke Pownall, just six outings to claim his first gold.

Jay Munn (11) has

won previous competitions in both patterns and sparring. On the day, Jay won a bronze in patterns and bronze in sparring. The rest of the team all fought very well, narrowly missing out on medal positions.

The competition was held at the UWIC sports campus in Cardiff with 800 competitors from all over the UK.

It proved a great day of competition for the club.

If youngsters are interested in coming along to the club, which meets on Mondays and Thursdays, please contact instructor Joseph Schembri on 07711 234500.

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## Llantwit cricketers pile on the runs – and it's all for a great charity!



ABOVE and BELOW: The gentlemen and the players? The Cavaliers cricket team are in test match whites, while the rugby boys are in 20-20 colour.

**T**HE Help for Heroes charity was the beneficiary last Sunday when Llantwit cricketers took on their rugby rivals. Two games were played, a junior match followed a senior game.

The junior sides contested an 18-over game with Llantwit Major Cricket Club batting first and scoring 279 for 5.

Top scorers for the Cavs were Tom Russell with 12 and Nick Harris with 11.

In reply, the rugby boys reached a creditable 255 for 3, narrowly losing the game by 24, with Steffan Godwin scoring nine and Iestyn Jones with seven.

With 30 players turning up for the seniors, and the rugby club team having a distinct southern hemisphere twang about them, Tim Jones (rugby) and Phil Harris (cricket) agreed a 30-over game.

The Cavs batted first and scored 315, with Julian Griffiths, Shane



Callard, Nigel Allison, Mike Wood and James Huxtable all retiring after passing the 40 mark.

With a daunting target of more than 10 an over ahead of them, the rugby club sent out two Cavs regulars in the Pickford twins, Ed and Sam. Unfortunately, Ed found one of the 14 fielders early on and it was left to Sam to lead the way.

After Sam was out for 33, the rugby club kept themselves in the game,

reaching a final total of 288. The total was helped along by Andre from South Africa with 27, and skipper Tim Jones with an unbeaten 35.

The Cavs bowled an astonishing numbers of wickets, thanks to chairman/umpire Neal Pritchard.

A great day was had by all and a big thanks goes out to all who played and ran the day behind the scenes.

Thanks to the spon-

sors for the day, Simon from 'Simon's Plaice' in Boverton who provided the barbecue food, Brewin Dolphin and The Blacksmiths Arms for their kind donations of raffle prizes.

The biggest thanks goes to those who put their hands in their pockets and supported this worthwhile cause.

Initial estimates put the money raised for Help for Heroes at more than £400.

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## Woosie looks for that elusive Welsh win back on home soil

**WELSH** golf legend Ian Woosnam will again be battling some of the top names in European Senior golf at the Ryder Cup Wales Seniors Open (June 18-20), (in partnership with Admiral), as he looks to make up for a series of near misses by winning in Wales for the first time in 20 years.

Woosie has played in the final group on the last day of this event for the last two events, only to be overtaken – first by Englishman Peter Mitchell and then last year by South African Bertus Smit – to finish in second and tied third respectively.

Add to that a third in the 2000 Celtic Manor Wales Open on The European Tour won by Steen Tinning, and a fifth place behind



Ian Woosnam competing at the ryder Cup Wales Seniors Open, Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

Miguel Angel Jiménez in 2005, and you have a rare gap in Woosie's CV that he is determined to put right.

"My only win in Wales was some time ago, but I feel I have been close several times since – especially in the Ryder Cup Wales Seniors Open," said the former Masters champion, who lifted the Epsom Grand Prix of Europe at St Pierre in 1990.

"I get great support from the Welsh crowds and I would love to repay them by claiming the title.

"That was certainly the case at Royal Porthcawl last year, which is one of my favourite courses in the world, and somewhere I have good memories of excellent rounds.

"It was disappointing not to finish things off on the final day for the last two years, but Peter and Bertus played well. Hopefully, this time round it will be me coming strongly on the final day."

Woosie will certainly have tough competition with Sam Torrance, Bill Longmuir, Gordon

Brand Junior and Des Smyth, boasting 26 senior tour wins between them, among those who have already confirmed their presence at Porthcawl.

Defending Order of Merit champion Torrance pipped close friend Woosie to that title last season and the Scot has 11 senior tour victories to his name alone. He will be keen to put right a modest record in Wales, where his highest finish was tied 12th three years ago.

"It is a fantastic field with some of the best known names in the past decade of European golf coming to Royal Porthcawl," said Ryder Cup Wales chief executive, Rob Holt.

"We had really good crowds at Royal Porthcawl last year in some mixed weather, so hopefully this year people will turn out to watch some excellent golf on one of the top courses."

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## SPRING'S Arrived and it's time to infuse your floors with a little colour, writes Richard Fidler

Maybe it was the dark days of winter and the recession; or maybe it is just fashion doing a 360-degree turn.

Whatever the reason, it is time to get ready for an explosion of colour over a floor near you.

Walk into any carpet store and behold the bold, bright carpets and rugs on offer. Not so long ago, they were all tucked away at the back, but now they are in the showcase positions.

Victoria Redshaw, trend and colour expert at Fun On The Floor says 2010 is all about colour and personality.

She said: "Now's a great time to banish beige blandness and start putting some per-

sonality back into our home after the difficulties of the recession. You can achieve this with injections of bold painted colour blocking, infusions of statement, patterned wallpaper and textiles, eclectic mixes of vintage and contemporary furniture, and global fusions of accessories.

"This brings rooms to life, adds character, and stops our homes looking like soulless show houses. Carpeting can play a significant part in this."

"It offers one of the biggest opportunities to add colour, pattern and texture to any room, so don't leave it as an after thought."

Changing the colour of your carpet has an immediate effect on how a room, and the rest of your home, will feel, says Renshaw.

"It's the simplest single purchase you can make to completely update, refresh and transform any room in

your home," she adds.

"Be brave in your decorating choices and express your own unique personality through the decor of your home"

Interior designer Adrienne Chinn says flooring design has literally been flipped on its head.

"For the last 10 to 15 years it has all been about wood floors and plain, beige carpets. I think what goes around comes around."

"Now people have got bored and I have clients asking me to incorporate coloured carpets and rugs into their designs."

"I'm working on a contemporary house at the moment where the clients want wall-to-wall carpets throughout their dining and living area. We're using a pattern motif around the edge of the room."

The cost of carpets has rapidly declined in recent years and even custom-made designs are not as expensive as people might think, says Chinn.

"They are far more affordable than many people imagine, and the colour doesn't have to be everywhere."

"For instance, in a dining room, you can have a fairly neutral carpet with a surprising, colourful area underneath the table."

While custom-made designs will inevitably cost more than an off the shelf carpet, Richard Renouf, head of consumer affairs at Carpet Right, says you'll still get a wide and inspiring selection in the High Street.

"People are now changing their carpets every four or five years rather than every 20 or

30, and colourful carpets are proving very popular with designers at the moment."

Richard says two styles which are getting a lot of attention at the moment are the Heather, which has two different coloured fibres woven together to create a spattered effect, and the Loop Pile, which combines varying lengths of loop.

"The Loop Pile, in particular, offers a softer alternative to the popular sisal or natural sea grass carpets."

Despite a marked reduction in prices, a new carpet can still mean parting with a substantial amount of money. It can also be quite an upheaval. So before you buy, think carefully, says Steve Elliott, carpet expert at Fun On The Floor.

He said: "Ask yourself which area of the house is the carpet for. The hall, stairs and landing for example will take the most wear, and deserve a hard wearing and durable carpet."

"In a bedroom on the other hand, you can indulge yourself and think more about sinking your toes into a deep pile carpet!"

"What is more important to you? Is a practical, easy to clean carpet your priority, or are you more interested in luxury and indulgence?"

"Do you prefer a colourful, plain or patterned carpet? Contemporary patterns and bold colours are very popular right now, and a patterned carpet can be the focus of a room."

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# THE BUZZ WORD IS BEES..!

**A**T LAST, the seasonal sunshine is bringing everything on – climbers need tying in, shrubs are sprouting new growth and seedlings are appearing, writes **Hannah Stephenson**

But one of the most heartening aspects of spring is to hear the welcoming sound of bees doing their important work in the garden.

Perhaps we should all take a leaf out of Sarah Brown's book. The former Prime Minister's wife installed two bamboo bee boxes and a bumble bee house in the Downing Street garden, to give these beneficial insects somewhere safe to hibernate, while the gardeners at Number 10 have planted bee-friendly borders.

As regular readers of The GEM's 'News From Fommon Apiary' column will know, bee populations in the UK are sadly declining.

Bumblebees are major pollinators of most of our wildflowers and crops. If they continue to

disappear the plants will set less seed, resulting in sweeping changes to the countryside, according to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

So, we need to do our bit in our own gardens and it is relatively easy to create a bee-friendly border. Bees need flowers from spring to autumn, but they have to be the right types of flowers.

Exotic, highly cultivated hybrid varieties are often lacking in pollen, while many popular summer bedding choices, including pelargoniums, busy lizzies and begonias, are also of little benefit to the bumblebee.

Try growing cottage garden plants or wildflowers rich in nectar, such as foxgloves, hollyhocks, lupins, lavender and catmint, verbascum, snapdragon and sedum, to attract them.

Other great magnets for bees include thyme, heather, purple sage, sunflowers, honeysuckle, Verbena bonariensis, cranesbill geraniums and borage. Daisy-like blooms with big open flowers are often rich in nectar, so you can't go wrong with michaelmas

daisies, rudbeckias and asters.

Wildflower choices might include poppies, mallow, ranunculus ficaria, salvia pratensis, knautia arvensis and Lamium purpureum, while bulbs such as alliums, crocus, snowdrop, grape hyacinth and Chionodoxa luciliae will all attract bees.

Plant sweet peas alongside climbing beans to encourage a better crop. The bees will be attracted to the sweet pea flowers and are then more likely to pollinate the beans as well.

Bumblebee species differ in the length of their tongues, and as a result prefer different flowers, so it's important to grow a range of different things.

Avoid elaborate double flowered varieties as some are bred without male and female parts, while others have so many petals, bees can't reach the nectar and pollen to collect it.

This is the main reason why single dahlias are popular with many bees, while doubles are frequently ignored. Design your garden so it offers a continuous succession of flowers providing nectar and pollen throughout the year, including some nectar-rich plants which

flower early or late, such as winter aconites, which are a vital early source of nectar for bees emerging from hibernation.

If you want a change from a high-maintenance lawn, turn a section of it into a wildflower meadow, planting spring-flowering bulbs such as the cowslip, ragged robin and wood anemone.

You can still create an informal path through the area with your mower.

If you grow the right plants, even in the smallest space, your garden should soon be buzzing with activity.

## Best of the bunch - Pulsatilla

These pretty perennial alpine plants have fine, ferny foliage and large, silky flowers in shades of white, yellow, pink and purple, followed by round, fluffy seedheads.

They are particularly good rockery plants, forming clumps which die down for winter, pushing up new crops of finely divided, silky leaves and buds in spring.

## Good enough to eat - Oriental mustards

Give your salads a peppery kick by growing some easy Oriental mus-

tards such as 'Red Giant' and 'Pizzo'.

Sow seeds thinly in drills 10cm apart from May to August where you want the crops to grow and then thin them out when they are big enough to 15-20cm (6-8in) apart.

Red mustard (Chinese mustard 'Red Giant') has bronzy-red leaves, while mizuna (Japanese greens) has glossy, serrated, dark green leaves and narrow white stalks, looking good in flower beds and as edging.

It's best to pick the leaves young when they are pleasantly spicy rather than excessively hot when they mature.

Chinese mustard is vigorous, adaptable and easy to grow in most soils. Keep plants water and well weeded, protect from slugs and snails and in the right conditions you should have crops within 30 days.

## Three ways to make the most of your veg plot.

1. Sow quick-maturing crops such as lettuce and radishes little and often, so that you have a succession of produce throughout the season, rather than a glut.

2. Plant fast-growing crops like lettuce and spinach between slower, bigger kinds such as Brussels sprouts and

winter cauliflower, so that you will have harvested the quick-growing crops by the time your slower-growing veg need more space.

3. Re-use the space taken by crops sown early and harvested by midsummer. Early potatoes, for instance, are ready for harvesting in June, so you could then

plant frost-tender veg such as courgettes or French beans in the same spot.

## What to do this week

Sow fast-maturing and late-flowering annuals, herbs and vegetables including parsnips, early carrots and runner beans.

Begin to harden off summer bedding plants, ing.

checking the weather forecast regularly and protecting the plants with horticultural fleece if frost is forecast.

Thin out hardy annual, vegetable and other seedlings sown outdoors.

Water and feed newly-planted trees and shrubs.

Prune spring-flowering clematis after flowering.



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# The council unveils a whole new world of recycling in borough

RESIDENTS in Bridgend county borough are being asked to rethink their rubbish from Monday, June 14 when BCBC and its new partner, May Gurney, will collect waste and recycling in a new way.

The range of waste which can be recycled has been hugely extended and now includes all paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, tins, cans, textiles and all food waste, even meat, fish and bones.

"All recycling will be collected every week. Leftover, non-recyclable waste, which should now be reduced, can be put into landfill sacks to be collected fortnightly," a spokeswoman stated.

"Over the last few weeks, all of the borough's 60,000 households should have received a letter, eight page booklet, and a 'frequently asked questions' leaflet explaining how the new initiative will work, plus a coloured calendar reminding residents of their collection day," she said.

There had also been deliveries of additional



LEFT: Quads Tom, Megan, Ben and Cerys Ward, aged nine, get ready for the recycling revolution!

recycling containers, including a blue sack for plastics and food waste boxes and caddies with compostable liners.

Coun John Spanswick, cabinet member for communities at BCBC, said: "We have tried very hard to prepare residents for the new recycling and waste scheme and we hope that everyone will do their best to embrace this new initiative."

"We would ask that residents check they have everything they need to start recycling more, including their two black boxes, their brown food waste bin and caddy, their blue sack and, of course, their reminder calendars. The calendars are important because some residents may find

their collection days have changed.

"We know that there will need to be adjustments to the way that people put out their waste and recycling from the middle of June, but the benefits to the environment will be fantastic, with much less going to landfill and much more being recycled so it can be reused for other materials."

"It's taken three years of consultation with residents' groups, industry and experts, comparisons with other councils, and six months of awareness raising to get to this stage, but I'm confident we are ready. I'm really appealing to householders to get ready too and to be positive about what

we are trying to do for them, their families, and ultimately for future generations."

## Quads ready to recycle!

Broadlands quads Tom, Megan, Ben and Cerys Ward, age nine, are all ready to start recycling more from next week.

The Maes yr Haul Primary pupils are already enthusiastic recyclers and have been part of the plastics and food waste pilot running in Broadlands.

With four containers for the different recycling – two black boxes, a blue sack and a brown food waste bin – it means there's one for each quad to adopt!

## Charity track event

A CHARITY track day at Llandow motor circuit on Wednesday expects to raise over £1200 for both the local Ed Evans Foundation and for Combat Stress, the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society.

Organiser Christopher Darwin explained: "The event provides an opportunity for drivers to experience speed in their own cars in a safe but interesting environment. Spectators will be welcome and free."

"We have been running fundraising events at motor circuits for several years; this will be our fourth event at Llandow and we hope to bring the total to £10,000."

The Ed Evans Foundation was established in 2006 and has already raised over £100,000 for Cancer Research Wales and other charities. See [www.edevansfoundation.co.uk](http://www.edevansfoundation.co.uk)

Combat Stress is the UK's leading military charity specialising in the care of veterans' mental health and its services are free of charge to the Veteran. See [www.combatstress.org.uk](http://www.combatstress.org.uk)

## Colegau Cymru award presented to Bridgend College



Karen Williams (left) and Robert Evans (centre) accepting the award at the ceremony in the Hilton Hotel.

BRIDGEND College has won a prestigious Colegau Cymru Award, at this year's ColegauCymru/Colege's Wales Awards Ceremony, held at the Hilton Hotel, Cardiff on May 27.

It received the award for its 'Outstanding use of technology' – in development and implementation of the BRAVO (Bridgend College Risk Assessment and Value Added) System.

The annual awards

recognise outstanding achievements by learners, teachers and colleges. The judging panels were very impressed, noting that the colleges had "raised the bar" this year.

Dr John Graystone, ColegauCymru Chief Executive, said: "On the day that the Education Minister, Leighton Andrews, congratulated colleges for responding to the Welsh Government's agenda for change, it was fitting that the evening ended with showcases of the very best of college practices."

"These awards ensure

that best practice is properly recognised. The awards are also central to colleges' continual efforts to raise standards across the board by learning from the best."

Mark Jones, Bridgend College Principal, commented: "My congratulations to the winners and to those applications that were shortlisted. I do believe that it is vitally important that, in today's ever-changing sector, we continue to raise the profile of this college and once again we have achieved this with flying colours."

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## KING ARTHUR COULD BE FIGUREHEAD FOR LLANTWIT'S E-TRAIL'S PROJECT TO PROMOTE A REAL 'SENSE OF PLACE'

**A** SENSE of Place is a new campaign which has been launched to promote Llantwit Major.

The campaign, which is being led by the town's chamber of trade, involves various groups and individuals keen to attract visitors, shoppers and day trippers to the town.

Llantwit is the first place in Wales to be

chosen to pilot a new 'e-trails' project in which walkers will use their mobile phones to receive information about walks, and will also be able to use GPS technology to find out exactly where they are.

This is being done in conjunction with the Ramblers Association.

The group has also been in talks with Visit Wales – the tourism arm of the Welsh Assembly Government – about promoting Llantwit's

heritage and history.

Jan Moisan, secretary of the chamber of trade, said that there was a great deal of interest in recent information that King Arthur had links to Llantwit, which was a centre of learning and religion during the fifth and sixth centuries.

"We understand that St Illtyd, who founded Llantwit and set up the first university in the world, was a cousin of Arthur, who is believed to be a member of the ruling dynasty of Glamorgan and Gwent in those days," she said.

"Since this was published in The GEM a couple of months ago, we have had a terrific amount of interest in this from residents. Lots of people are keen to get involved, which is great.

by JAYNE ISAAC

"We believe that Llantwit could benefit hugely from any Arthur connection. If you visit places like Glastonbury and Tintagel, you see that there's a huge spin off for shops, restaurants, pubs and hotels.

"People flock to these places, drawn by the lure of this mystical king. enough evidence, in my view, for claiming that Arthur was born here, as there are the ruins of a palace which date from that period.

"Arthur resonates down the ages with the tales of the Knights of the Round Table and the legend of Camelot.

"I believe that we have a much stronger historic claim to Arthur than these West Country places where the evidence is very flimsy, to say the least."

Former Mayor Russell Downe is another who has expressed strong views about the town's history and heritage.

He said: "We have

convincing case for this, Llantwit would become a centre for Arthurian scholars, as well as for those people who enjoy the stories.

"The romance of King Arthur still casts a magic spell over people hundreds of years after he lived.

"We all know of Excalibur, Camelot and the lady of the lake – it's part of Western culture."

Mrs Moisan said that a meeting would be called in July about how the scheme was progressing.

"This has grown out of the e-trails project but it is so much bigger now. We hope to get Visit Wales on board so that Llantwit can be properly promoted for the good of everyone living here, including the businesses.

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### Message from the Llantwit Mayor Councillor Ralph Austin

THE Llantwit Major Mayor, Coun Ralph Austin, is "delighted" to be the first citizen of a town with so much history and heritage.

"I would love to see the old part of our ancient town cared for much better than it is," he said. "There are cottages in Church Street which need revamping to improve the approach leading to our historic and lovely church.

"I am pleased to support the project to rebuild the Galilee Chapel – which will be wonderful for both the church and the community – as well as providing a centre for visitors. "Llantwit Major is a



fantastic place to live with everything we need – shops, cosy old pubs, beautiful walks and our heritage coastline and all visitors are made to feel very welcome," he enthused.

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### Standing ovation as CAOS cast present Annie to Vale audience



ABOVE:  
Annie's dog makes a friend.

**T**HE CAOS production of *Annie* ended with a standing ovation on Saturday night at Llantwit Major comprehensive school.

The near sell-out run starred two outstanding Annies: Lauren Coates from Bridgend and Nia Brown from Cowbridge, who appeared in alternate productions, together with their energetic bands of 'orphans'.

John Murray, musical director, and Davron Hicks, producer and choreographer, merged these new, very young members of CAOS, together with the

Photographs by  
**LAURIE GOLDEN**

established members, to mutual benefit and general hilarity.

There were some outstanding performances, which will be remembered for a long time, including the scheming trio of Miss Hannigan (Sarah Morris, giving the performance of a lifetime), Rooster Hannigan (Rob Reynolds, who couldn't have appeared more devious), and newcomer Joanne Lee Mallett as the gorgeous Lily St Regis happy to develop criminal instincts!

Tony Kingsbury as Oliver Warbucks and Beryl Vaughan as

Grace Ferrell, gave assured performances in leading a strong supporting cast through all the twists and turns of the story, giving audiences a most entertaining and musical evening. RS

RIGHT:  
Annie meets  
Daddy Warbucks.



### Lions' young ambassador can 'promote good work' in Vale

**T**HIS year, the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club is embarking on a new venture – to promote the good work that youth in the area take part in.

A spokesman for the Lions said: "We all read in the press when youths in our area have misbehaved in some way, but we hope to show the other side of the coin with our 'Young Ambassador' competition."

"We need to know about anyone aged between 15 and 19 years of age who is serving the community and would benefit from taking part in this competition".

He explained that the Lions Young Ambassador competition, which goes through a number of stages, is where the candidates demonstrate, by a short presentation and interview, how they work within their community.

The candidate the Lions feel has made the

most significant difference will represent the area and move onto the next stage of the competition.

If the candidate wins the district stage of the competition, a bursary will be awarded to spend on their project.

A further bursary can also be won if the successful candidate then goes on to win the multiple district final.

The spokesman

added: "As a club, we feel that it is important to support young people who are willing to go that extra mile for their community; and while we realise that entering this competition is quite a commitment, they will be supported all the way."

The Lions work with young people in many ways, such as the Bob Cook Games, a fun day for disabled people of all

ages and a great day out for those taking part and their helpers.

This year it will be held in Swindon on August 8, and the club still has a few places left.

If anyone is interested in participating in the Bob Cook Games or would like more information on the Young Ambassadors competition, contact the Lions on 07763 882589.

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# THE GEM GUIDE TO THE WORLD CUP 2010



## Countdown starts to the big kick-off in South Africa!

**T**HERE are just a few hours to go now before the world's second largest sporting event kicks off in South Africa.

The managers have put their squads together and teams have played their final warm-up friendly matches across the world. This will also be the first time FIFA has staged the event on the continent of Africa.

Now there will be those of you reading this saying: "Oh, no, a whole month of our television screens plastered with football!"

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More goals, more attacking styles of play; have led to a rollercoaster of emotions for fans and players alike. Just take what happened to Cardiff City and their fans over

the last few weeks in the play-offs as an example!

So, what can we expect from the world's greatest players and teams over the next few weeks, and how will the tournament play out?

Well, the opening group-based games are designed to weed out the supposedly weaker teams, leaving the last 16 teams to battle it out on a straight knock-out basis down to the final.

If the seeding system ran to form, we should reach a quarter final stage where Holland play Brazil, France play England, Argentina play Germany and Italy play Spain. All mouth-watering prospects.

World Cup history, however, points to the fact that this will not be the case. Why, because at every previous tournament, the favourites don't always turn up and play as they were expected. One or two of the big boys fall to the supposed minnows. The whole seeding system goes out of the window, and everything gets mixed up.

Let's take, for example, Germany, drawn in

group D. Missing their leader Michael Ballack of Chelsea, injured during the FA Cup final, they face tough matches against Ghana, Serbia and, not to be discounted, Australia. If they fail to win that group and finish second, they would then face the winners of Group C, who should be, wait for it, England.

How big would that match then become? The media will have a field day and we would only be half-way through the tournament.

France are another team not in the greatest of form, and wouldn't the Irish just love to see them go crashing out at the hands of hosts South Africa, along with Mexico and Uruguay in group A?

What of the favourites, those boys from Brazil? They are not quite the same flamboyant team as the 1970 squad of Pele and Co, but contain the likes of Kaka, Robinho and Lucio. They are a solid outfit on paper, very difficult to beat and full of attacking flair.

Impossible to beat? Well, just take a look at what happened to Barcelona in the Champions League, arguably the best club team in the world, packed full of international superstars, KO'd by Inter Milan!

As the tournament gets started on June 11 and the group stages begin, what games should you watch to enter into the spirit? Where are there likely to be upsets and



by **TONY BENNETT**

who of the underdogs might upset the big teams?

Check out Group D matches involving Germany, Serbia, Ghana and Australia; Group G matches between Brazil, Portugal and Ivory Coast; Group C match England and U.S.A.; Group B match Argentina and Nigeria.

Lastly, keep an eye on the hosts in Group A, South Africa – up against France. Playing as host country, has in the past always proved to be a huge advantage; you only have to remember the minnows of South Korea making it all the way to a semi-final eight years ago.

So, the time is fast approaching to grab hold of your wall chart and get the office sweep stake sorted! Get down to your local pub or club for some widescreen action. Keep your diary updated and plan your viewing. There will be some great football played, especially in the later stages.

So keep an eye out for *The GEM* over the coming weeks and we'll keep you posted on how things progress!

## Is the Vale watching and waiting for World Cup drama to unfold?

**T**HERE is (not for the first time) a lack of Welsh involvement in the world's top footballing occasion.

So, are pulses racing here at the prospect of watching England take on the world's best?

After all, the World Cup always is a football sporting sensation, the build-up has been intense, and it has been constantly in the sporting spotlight over the last few weeks...

Even though Wales is regarded as a rugby nation, the whiff of competition and the potential for an entertaining game should bring people together in front of the flatscreen television, or at their local pub.

The GEM was out on the streets, trying to gauge feelings in the area, and seeing if plans were being made for the next four weeks. Who will be watching who – and where?

To begin, we wanted to find out the key teams of interest – the serious contenders to look out for. In Marley's Barbers in Cowbridge, while Tom Farrington was having a trim, the chat was that Spain and Argentina seemed the most likely candidates to do well, with England a possibility.

However, Galton's Barbers over in Llantwit believed Brazil and Germany (as in 'never write off the Germans') should also be added to the top group.

There was also mention of Holland and The Ivory Coast (despite Didier's elbow!) from other avid supporters.

Gerry Flemming and Colin Hetton were chatting back in Cowbridge about supporting England, even though the odds have been stacking against the team.

Alun John, who turns out regularly for Cowbridge RFC, thought "England should at least get to the semi-finals, but that they are already making excuses."

At The Gateway of India in Llantwit Major, staff were sprucing up the place with a fresh lick of paint while discussing the team and the key players, but all were looking forward to seeing the matches at home or sneaking a peek while they would working at the restaurant.

Bikash Das, from The

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Gateway, looked forward to the first match (South Africa v Mexico) saying "it would be a lovely game."

Given all the banter, The GEM asked if the rivalry, high spirits and the influence of alcohol could spill over into trouble on the streets in the Vale.

However, among the people we spoke to, the general consensus seemed to be that any troublesome behaviour would be mild.

However, some people thought there might be more tension in the city centres of the north of England, London and possibly Cardiff.

Martin McDermott said: "In South Africa maybe there will be more trouble, but not here. The trouble with Wales is they mainly support the rugby, and are probably not going to support England."

There was, however, concern about reports from South Africa of disturbances caused by fake tickets being sold to fans.

Patricia Harries and Veronica Goddard said that organisers should be making sure that they kept the rival fans apart. In fact, both felt that there can be trouble in Cardiff. One added, "Every woman knows not to go shopping on their own in Cardiff when the football is on."

Agreeing that local towns were safe was Tom Lee, of Barry. He was planning on watching the first match at his local, the Park Hotel Pub.

Meanwhile, Gerry and Colin (Cowbridge) were going to be well away from the Vale, as both were going with their families to Gerry's son's pub, back in Scotland.

GEM reporter Philip Irwin (speaking entirely for himself) said that he could never understand it when Welsh people declined to support England. He said: "In rugby, there is a Welsh way of playing. Our players, in the main, play for Welsh clubs and believe in playing a certain way."

"When Wales win in rugby, it is a triumph for our way of playing the game!"

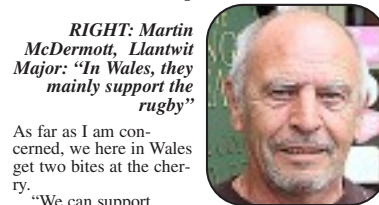
"In football, our best players play in England and, let's face it, they play in a similar style."



Above: Abdul Salik, Bikash Das, Golam Kibria - The Gateway of India, Llantwit Major: "Lovely game"



Above: Colin Hetton, Gerry Flemming, Cowbridge: "We are going to be supporting England"



RIGHT: Martin McDermott, Llantwit Major: "In Wales, they mainly support the rugby"

As far as I am concerned, we here in Wales get two bites at the cherry.

"We can support Wales until they get knocked out, and then wish England well – apart from John Terry and Ashley Cole of course!"

The official view of The GEM, of course, is that we simply hope the best team wins, and that the competition brings

plenty of cheers, tense moments, lucky goals and (overall) some fantastic football!

**YOUR VIEW?**

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**Saturday, June 12**

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Argentina v Nigeria - 15:00

England v USA - 19:30

**Sunday, June 13**

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Serbia v Ghana - 15:00

Germany v Australia - 19:30

**Monday, June 14**

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Italy v Paraguay - 19:30

**Tuesday, June 15**

New Zealand v Slovakia - 12:30

Ivory Coast v Portugal - 15:00

Brazil v North Korea - 19:30

**Wednesday, June 16**

Honduras v Chile - 12:30

Spain v Switzerland - 15:00

South Africa v Uruguay - 19:30



# Noel Clarke's ambition slightly outstrips his ability in edgy drama

**WHILE most will probably know him as Mickey, Rose's on/off boyfriend in Dr Who, Noel Clarke has proven to be more than just a footnote in cult TV history.**

In 2006, Clarke wrote the acerbic *Kidulthood*, a film that showed just how gritty and troubling life on Britain's streets could be, before returning two years later with *Adulthood*, a film Clarke also directed as well as writing.

Critically acclaimed, Clarke has since made low-key turns in the likes of *Doghouse* and *Centurion*, but returns to the director's chair (alongside Mark Davis) having penned 4.3.2.1.

It tells the story of four girls; Jo (Emma Roberts), a supermarket worker, Cassandra (Tamsin Egerton) who has headed to New York to meet her internet boyfriend, Kerrys (Shanika Warren-Markland), who is fighting with her brother and seemingly everyone around her and Shannon (Ophelia Lovibond) whose refreshing self-destructive attitude hides a dark secret.

When some stolen diamonds are thrown into the mix, the lives of the four girls rapidly go out of control, with all them having to face up to some harsh truths as things get more difficult for them...

Since making his writing debut with *Kidulthood*, Noel Clarke has been developing as one of the voices of urban Britain on film.

His first two works both shone a light on the Britain many of us glimpse in the papers, full of knife crime, drug dealing and disenfranchised youths and the lives they lead either by choice or necessity.

While both films concentrated on gritty worlds, they were both shot through with a verve and spark that very few filmmakers, British or otherwise, are producing at present.

Obviously Clarke holds no desire to be the poster boy for gritty Britain, so his latest foray is film that is decidedly American in influence, yet with a unique British flavour; it is also a case of ambition outstripping ability, though 4.3.2.1 should hardly be criticised for that.

Pulling duty and a half, having written and co-directed it, the film has all the fingerprints of Clarke's work thus far - smart dialogue, a tendency to be overtly 'street', characters that feel real and palpable -

with far more scope and detail than his earlier scripts.

It is a film that takes the starting point of the lives of these four girls and attempts to do something a bit different with it.

The obvious influences on display are the likes of Quentin Tarantino and Kevin Smith (who shows up for a hugely entertaining cameo) in terms of Clarke's efforts at snappy dialogue, while the story comes straight from the likes of *Go* or *Amores Perros*, films whose skewed, time jumping narrative Clarke largely succeeds in aping.

Yet while it is a film in thrall to the above influences, it is also a film that somewhat sits in the shadows of those works; the dialogue certainly sparkles at times like the diamonds the film's plot runs around, but there are also moments where it is more dire-logic, Clarke unsuccessfully trying to put words in the mouths of characters that are both highly unlikely and, sometimes, ever so slightly daft.

The narrative concept meanwhile, despite its refreshing change of pace, doesn't quite click into place; while each of the girls have their own segment that intertwines with the story, some drag longer than others, while the film's denouement is a bit of a damp squib, the conclusion failing to satisfy the demands of the build-up.

His direction, along with Mark Davis, matches the script's pacey nature and coats both London and New York in a stylish sheen while catching the darkness of the cities, reflecting the mentalities of those living in them.

Once again, Clarke and Davis show ambition in the way they shoot the film, with the look glossy without being too neat, the pair doing a good attempt at capturing city life in a vibrant way.

They are also clever in their use of the split narrative, giving each segment a style of its own that fits together superbly well, while the visual identity is strong. Considering the genesis of 4.3.2.1 was a critique of Clarke's supposed inability to write women well, he doesn't do a bad job with the central foursome, aided by some lively and captivating performances.

Ophelia Lovibond starts things off with a strong performance, the actress capturing the turmoil of a character facing massive upheavals while only just hinting at the dam-

age done, and while her story strand isn't the most engaging, the actress' turn gives it a valuable sense of emotion and pathos.

Tamsin Egerton shows she is more than just a pretty face in her segment, showing both a light comedic touch and a sense for the dramatic, her strand, set in New York, both funny and also somewhat tragic, and Egerton's performance plays a big part in making it as good as it is.

Emma Roberts (niece of Julia, or daughter of Eric depending on which way you like your Roberts') makes a marked improvement from her numerous teenage film outings to something a bit more grown-up, and makes the switch well.

While hardly pulling up trees, she shows that she has more in her locker than the gurning and overacting that populates the genre in which she has made her name.

The stand-out turn, however, comes from Shanika Warren-Markland, whose ballsy character is the most memorable of the four-some.

With a hate-hate relationship with her brother (including one of most comedic drink spiking scenes in recent memory) to her outward attitude concealing a need to feel loved by her step-father, Warren-Markland's performance hits the spot and personifies the swagger and attitude Clarke is looking for.

With some nice smaller roles for the likes of Clarke himself, Sean Pertwee, Ben Miller and Mandy Patinkin, Clarke has certainly shown he can pull together a fine cast that do a great job, and that a little ambition in a British filmmaker is a wonderful thing to see.

It is an ambition that doesn't quite manage to make it all the way through, the film somewhat running out of puff before the finale, while the frenetic pace allows little in the way of reflection, the moments getting lost amongst the fast cuts.

But in spite of all that, Clarke should be thoroughly commended for thinking outside the box and announcing himself as a filmmaker to watch; 4.3.2.1 may be a little lacking, but its attempts at trying to more than just another British movie are more than worthy of praise.

**VERDICT** - Another solid outing from writer/co-director Noel Clarke, 4.3.2.1 is sassy film powered by four very good leading ladies and a script that goes far beyond what you

## SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

would expect from a British film, let alone one from a non-established source like Clarke.

Its ambition outstrips its ability to a degree, but its high aim deserves to be rewarded. **ENJOYABLE.**

# Fun day blossoms in the Gibbonsdown sunshine



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# THE NEW COUNTY BOROUGH MAYOR HAILS FROM LOCAL BUSINESS FAMILY

A MAN who comes from an old Maesteg family has just taken over as Mayor of Bridgend county borough.

Coun Colin Teesdale has a long record of service as both a councillor and full time union representative.

He comes from a well-known business family in the town. His grandparents had a greengrocery business and his parents ran a stall in Maesteg market.

Although he helped out as a youngster, he went on to work at the paper mills in Llangynwyd and later become a full time officer with the print union SOGAT.

After retiring from the union, Mr Teesdale worked as a lecturer at Bridgend

College.

He entered local government as a member of Maesteg Town Council where he has been mayor on two occasions. He was elected to BCBC in 2000 and served as a cabinet member for environment and highways in Jeff Jones' cabinet.

After Labour lost power in 2004, he was chair of the scrutiny committee for that department.

Mr Teesdale and his wife Gloria are looking forward to their term as mayor and mayoress of the borough.

"We are averaging three engagements a day at the moment," said Mr Teesdale. "It's going to be a very busy year, but we are enjoying it and looking forward to everything that's to come. It's a great

honour."

The couple have a grown up son living in Maesteg and a daughter in Yorkshire and two grandchildren.

Mr Teesdale has been involved with many local organisations over the years, including Round Table and Rotary. He was also the first chairman of Maesteg Town Hall management committee and intends to have his civic tea there after a service in the town.

The Rev Alwyn Evans, of Capel Canaan, has been appointed his chaplain.

Coun Chris Michaelides, of Betws, has been elected deputy mayor with Amy Butlin as youth mayor and Hollie Mediana as deputy youth mayor.

Tribute was paid at the inauguration to



Coun Colin Teesdale, the new Mayor of Bridgend County Borough.

outgoing Mayor Jeff Tildesley and his consort, his sister Audrey Thomas for all their hard work during the year.

## 'Some of the cleanest streets in Wales' – claim

BRIDGEND County Borough has some of the cleanest streets in Wales, according to a new litter league table.

The table, compiled

by the GMB union from official Local Government Data Unit Wales 2008/09 figures, puts the borough in the top three out of the 22 Welsh councils.

It compares the percentage of highways

and relevant land inspected of a 'high' or 'acceptable' standard of cleanliness.

Bridgend's score of 98 per cent not only beats the Welsh average of 95.4 per cent, it makes it one of the top three performers in Wales.

Coun John Spanwick, cabinet member for communities, commented: "For the last five years, we have seen huge

improvements in street cleanliness, and this is down to the dedication and hard work of our cleansing teams who work in all weathers and often difficult conditions.

"As a council, we are dedicated to providing a cleaner, greener borough and we would also appeal to residents to play their part in keeping their streets clean and tidy."

## £1m Lottery windfall grant

A GRANT of nearly £1m will be shared between Bridgend County Borough Council and neighbouring Rhondda Cynon Taff Council, to develop play opportunities for children and young people.

The Big Lottery Fund cash will be split equally between the two councils to develop their joint, ongoing Child's Play programme.

Bridgend County Borough Council has been working with RCT and a number of key partners, including Bridgend Children and Young People's Partnership, Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO), RCT Play Association, RCT

FFramwaith, and InterlinkRCT since the Child's Play programme was first launched in 2006.

The programme's key aims are to give more children access to play opportunities, develop a framework to provide play activities and ensuring a more joined up approach to nutrition and physical activity.

Coun Lyn Morgan, Bridgend's cabinet member for wellbeing, said: "Every child should have the right to play and for the last four years Bridgend and its partners have made huge strides in this area."

"This money will allow us to build on the excellent work we have already achieved and to significantly develop play opportunities for our youngest citizens."

## Active Jolly in need of a guiding hand

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

THIS WEEK, a Trust spokeswoman highlights Jolly, a two-year-old Labrador Cross.

She is very nervous and reactive around strangers and needs careful introductions to new people. Once she trusts you, she is a fantastic young dog, very playful and bouncy!

She gets on with other dogs and will benefit from living with a similar sized dog that is confident and well socialised. She is very active and loves to play fetch.

Type of home needed: She needs an experienced owner who has trained dogs before and who is willing to continue her training and socialisation.

She will need an adult only home. Her new owner will need to be active and able to provide her with plenty of off lead exercise.

Anyone interested in adopting her will need to meet her at the centre a few times to allow her time to get to know them.

The trust's summer fete and fun dog show is on Sunday, July 4 at Margam Country Park (Twn yr Hydd House entrance) at 11am-4pm.



JOLLY.

## Two Welsh legends help out Pontycymmer RFC

RIGHT: Ieuan Evans and Shane Williams were quick to lend a helping hand at the RBS RugbyForce weekend in Pontycymmer.



AFTER being forced to miss the Wales-South Africa game through injuries, Welsh winger Shane Williams grabbed a paintbrush on Sunday for Pontycymmer RFC's RBS RugbyForce weekend.

The British and Irish Lion and former IRB player of the year joined former Lion and Welsh rugby great Ieuan Evans, as the club put to good use their RBS RugbyForce grant, awarded to them as the winning Welsh club from this year's programme.

Pontycymmer RFC was one of 401 rugby clubs across England, Scotland and Wales who registered for RBS

RugbyForce 2010, each of whom submitted a proposal for club project work planned for this summer.

As part of a weekend of renovations and celebrations, the club also showed the thrilling encounter between Wales and South Africa to volunteers on a big screen on the Saturday afternoon.

Shane Williams said of his role: "RBS

RugbyForce puts club rugby at the heart of the local community, and really helps encourage local volunteers to put some time back into the club to make it the best it can be.

"From my days at Amman RFC, I know how important club rugby is to both the international game and the community. It was great seeing what Pontycymmer accomplished during their weekend."

Pontycymmer RFC was registered for RBS RugbyForce by club president Ivor John Evans who said: "We have been in existence since 1887 and are the oldest rugby club in the Garw Valley."

"The club does a fantastic job providing a focal point for adults and youngsters and we want to upgrade our facilities in order to attract more ladies, families and young members to the club."

A food van parked in the Harvey Street-South Parade area is causing a problem for residents, as it is attracting children from the nearby comprehensive school, Maesteg Town Council was told.

Coun Keith Edwards asked police to investigate and it was agreed to try and bring in a ban to prevent this van from parking near the school. Sgt Paul Thomas said that it was moving from one site to another around the school.

• ALLOTMENT holders at Magazine Street in Nantfyllon have been suffering from vandalism and theft. Councillors heard that sheds had been broken into and items stolen and some perimeter fencing has also been damaged.

There have also been problems at the adjoining Spelter Industrial estate which has CCTV coverage. Police are investigating.

• ALCOHOL has been confiscated from underage drinkers in the Llynfi Road car park and around the town centre in a police operation recently mounted. But there have been no prosecutions of retailers, councillors were told. • RESIDENTS of

Nantfyllon have petitioned Maesteg Town Council to support proposals to create a village green.

Residents want a piece of grassed land between Coegnant Road and Magazine Street designated as a village green. The town council is to get more information before making a decision.

• THE Llynfi Valley 11 to 25 project at The Courthouse in Maesteg is to get £250 from Maesteg Town Council towards the estimated £1500 cost of installing extra CCTV cameras within the building.

Three have already been placed outside and have reduced nuisance to local residents. The money will be released if the group gets the rest of the funding it needs.

• MAESTEG Town Council has been told that it would cost £5000 to provide microphones and speakers in the council chamber as part of a loop system for deaf and hard of hearing people.

The council has requested a detailed quote to install 19 sockets for the system with 15 microphones and a loop system within the council chamber.

They also want a quote for a wireless system because the chamber is panelled in oak and is within a Grade 2 listed building.

## College reception turned into a solo art gallery!

THE reception at Bridgend College's Cowbridge Road campus was recently transformed into an art gallery when art and design lecturer Corrie Lewis-Bishop exhibited her range of work.

Visitors were able to view and purchase Corrie's Copper

Enamelling and Ceramic work, which was on display until May 28.

Enamelling is something Corrie recently started learning, on a course in West Dean College, which was funded by the staff development budget, at Bridgend College.

Copper enamelling is an ancient craft that has enabled Corrie to under-

take new adventures in her work and also to pass on to students.

Corrie said: "There are correlations between ceramics and enamelling due to the firing processes, but it is heartening in an age of super technology that this work is produced with the same methods and processes that have been used for thousands of years."

## Shadow likes a quiet life!

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SHADOW is a neutered 10-year-old who has been in Cats Protection's care since January, as her owners were moving and couldn't take her with them.

"We are looking for a home without other animals and no young children as Shadow likes the quiet life. She has gorgeous long fur and likes a little brush but not too much."

"We feel that Shadow hasn't shown us her true personality in here and going into a loving home will bring out her gentle side."

"She is independent and will love a stroll in the garden," said a spokeswoman at the centre.



SHADOW.

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# MAESTEG MAKES ITS PARTY IN THE PARK A TRULY FITTING MEMORIAL DAY FOR ALEX



Pictures by  
**BRYAN O'NEILL**

(Continued  
from page 4).

THE sun shone as more than 2,000 joined the 'Party in the Park' in Maesteg.

As the photographs show, it proved to be a great family day out!



## Successful adult learners are honoured at Grand Pavilion award presentation evening

ADULT learners were centre stage at the fifth annual adult community awards ceremony at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on May 26.

Bridgend County Borough Council's adult learning hosted the ceremony, where 42 learners from every part of the county borough were presented with certificates in recognition of their success.

Ten categories of awards included ICT, basic skills, crafts, digital photography, preparing to teach and a tutor's award.

Aelwyn Barwick, aged 84, was presented with a certificate in the

digital photography and digital imaging category. "You still want to continue learning, it doesn't matter what age you are. Trying out different

courses widens your life experience," she commented.

Shane Jeffreys was presented with the Engaging Learners in Basic Skills award, which aims to develop learners numeracy and literacy skills. "Adult learning is not like being at school - you don't get told off! My motivation to do the course was to help my three-year-old daughter to learn to read," he said.

The awards were presented by BCBC Deputy Leader, Coun David Sage; Coun Jeff Tildesley; Coun Pat Hacking; Janice Gregory AM; Coun Huw David; Coun Alana Davies; group manager of libraries, John Woods; project manager of Bridges into Work Sam Edwards; Chris Franks from the WEA; head of the council's healthy living, Mark Shephard, and Donna Hooper from the council's adult community learning and people.

Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for resources, Coun Huw David said: "The awards evening was a fantastic event and demonstrated the important role that adult community learning classes play in the students' health and well-

being, as well as providing a valuable route that is used by many as a stepping stone to further learning for the workplace."

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### WINNERS

**Learner's Awards - ICT:** Dianna Evans, John Donnelly, Mercy Lannan, Helen Jenkins, Joyce Matthews, Jane Owen, Helen Shakell.

**Engaging Learners in Basic Skills Partnership Award:** Shane Jeffreys.

**Craft:** Emma Law, Phyl Morgan, Ruth Oliver, Lisa Rigby, Victoria Davies, Mandy Thorne, Nicola Williams, Susan Gilby, Mo Jones, Janice Taylor.

**Digital Photography and Digital Imaging:** Aelwyn Barwick, Sandra Wiggins.

**General:** Richard Parsons, Michael Scott, Gregory Evans, Diane Morgan and Jeff James.

**Bridges Partnership Award - Noddfa:** Susan Cooke, Hayley Davies, Christine Guild, Pauline Jewitt, Margaret Nicholas, Carol Wood, Kay Roberts, Rosalind Shaw.

**Bridges Partnership Award:** Lee Hearne.

**WEA Partnership Award:** Carol Carter.

**Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector:** Charlotte Agius, Louise Gallivan,

Stephen Jenkins, Scott Saunders, Rebecca Tyler, Keith Treharne, Jeni Morgan and Ron Davies. **Tutor Award:** Linda Edwards, a tutor in flower arranging and Phil Lewis, a tutor in IT who has worked for Adult Community Learning for six years.

**Big Screen** BIG SCREEN's presentation this month is **Me and Orson Welles** (Cert 12) which will be shown on Thursday, June 17 at 7.30pm in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Richard Samuels (Zac Efron - of *High School Musical* fame), dreaming of a life on the stage, meets legendary director Orson Welles (wonderfully impersonated by Christian McKay) at the famous Mercury Theatre and immediately lands a part.

Welles is a bully of a director, getting what he wants at any price from actors and producers alike. No soft centres here but life enhancing and perhaps one of the best films about the theatre there is.

Doors open 7.10pm. Tickets £3 (available in advance from the town clerk's office, or on the door). Ice creams!

## Drug dealer jailed after police raid

COCAINE with a street value of £5,000 was found when police raided a house in the Brackla area of Bridgend.

The occupier, Stacey Downing (35) of Bridgend, claimed the drugs were for personal use, said prosecutor Sian Edwards at Cardiff Crown Court.

Downing, who was said to be involved in "adult entertainment" and admitted possessing cocaine with intent to supply, was jailed for three years, four months. Judge Patrick Curran said he had been involved on a commercial basis for profit.

"This was not minor dealing. It was a serious offence.

"You yourself are not

addicted to cocaine, you are doing this to make money."

Ms Edwards said that on February 3, the police forced their way into Downing's home.

He indicated there was cocaine in the kitchen, under a TV, in a chest of drawers, and in his pockets.

The street value was almost £5,000.

In addition, the police found mobile phones with drug related texts and cash of seven hundred pounds.

He denied possessing the drugs with intent to supply at the time.

His counsel Shiraz Aziz said: "He fully expects custody. He was immediately cooperative and compliant. His involvement was not on a large scale and he is not a sophisticated operator."

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales are about to conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan. Among the matters the Commission will consider are the size of the Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council and the number and boundaries of its electoral divisions based on the existing pattern of communities and community wards.

The Welsh Assembly Government has given Directions for the Commission's guidance in conducting the review. Copies of the Directions are available from the Commission's office at the address below.

Before they begin to formulate their draft proposals, the Commission invite any person or body having an interest in the review to send their initial comments in writing to: The Secretary, Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales, Caradog House, 1-6 St Andrews Place, CARDIFF CF10 3BE by 10 August 2010.

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# THE GOLDEN AGE OF TRANSPORT IN BARRY

LAST Sunday (June 6) vintage motor and transport enthusiasts flocked to Barry once again for the annual Festival of Transport.

Some came along to show off their prized possession – polished to perfection for the day.

Many others just came to admire the graceful engineering of bygone days – before computer simulations, new materials, and robot production lines changed the way cars and buses were built forever!

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# Coast to coast - FROM COWBRIDGE TO... COWBRIDGE!

LAST week, local cyclist Alex Glanville completed the 285-mile journey between Cowbridge and its namesake in Lincolnshire to raise more than £2,000 to help pay for vital equipment in the new Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

It was the latest effort in the campaign to raise £250,000 by September.

Alex had a great send-off from pupils at Cowbridge on Thursday morning and arrived 285 saddle-sore miles later at Cowbridge in Lincolnshire on Monday at noon.

He told The GEM: "It was fantastic, I really enjoyed crossing our lovely country – cycling is the ideal way to take in the beauty of our countryside."

Alex and his riding partner Rob were in the saddle for about seven hours each day and, apart from taking a few wrong turns along the way, everything went according to plan.

"I found it very physically demanding but great fun – I'm no athlete and 60 miles a day was hard work," said Alex.

He added, "It was all worthwhile and I am so pleased that I got close to my £10 per mile spon-



ABOVE: Alex gets a rousing send-off from Cowbridge Comprehensive School!

sorship target. I'd like to thank all my friends and family, and everyone else who helped me and sponsored me. I think I can say I've done my bit!"

The school fundraising committee chairman, Charlie Puddicombe, said: "Alex has been fantastic. He came up with the idea, organised everything himself and has raised well over £2,000 for the school – what an amazing effort!"

For further information about fundraising activities visit [www.cowbridgecomp2010.co.uk](http://www.cowbridgecomp2010.co.uk)

## Vale ladies get on their bikes for Forces charity



ABOVE:

On Sunday, May 30, nine ladies, who all live in the western Vale, cycled from Brecon to Cardiff on the Taff Trail, raising a remarkable £1,900 for the 'Help for Heroes' charity, which supports wounded service personnel returning from Afghanistan. Pictured as they were about to leave Brecon are (from left to right): Linda Jenkins Helen Creed, Judith Jerwood, Christine Jenkins, Annie Williams, Lucy Higgins, Kathy Williams, Sue Goodfellow and Carrie Williams.

## Garin is guest of honour

### COWBRIDGE RFC NEWS

THE week after the rugby club awards ceremony (reported last week), was the annual dinner, held at the Athletic Club.

More than 90 players, committee, supporters and guests enjoyed an excellent roast buffet, provided by Trio Brasserie. Many thanks to Andrew and his staff for all their hard work.

Former Welsh hooker Garin Jenkins was guest of honour and gave a very entertaining talk after the meal, followed by a lively question and answer session. Thanks to Garin for his contribution to a very enjoyable evening.

Also, thanks to every-

one else who contributed to the evening's success – the bar staff who worked hard throughout the evening, those who helped to set up the room, and of course, those who attended.

The Youth awards at the ceremony last week were as follows: Player of the Year – Morgan Jones; Youth Clubman – Luke Boys.

Just a reminder that light training continues on Thursday nights at 7pm and the club AGM takes place on Thursday, June 24 at the Athletic Club – 7.30pm for 8pm. All fully paid up members are urged to attend.

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## Alive and well!

MY two-year-old and I were recently locked out of my house in Tredodridge, when the key broke in half in the lock barrel.

I'd like to thank two people who heroically came to our help!

Firstly, Wally, the gallops man for Bryn Palling racing stables, looked after my daughter and kindly helped me

climb into the house through an upstairs window.

Secondly, Alun from Arthur John, responded to my phone call by arriving within 20 minutes (free of charge) so we could safely open and lock the front door again.

It's nice to know that people in the Vale still take the time to help those in trouble.

A big thank you!

Gina Groom  
Tredodridge



# ROMILLY OPEN THEIR SEASON WITH SOLID WIN

**BARRY Romilly Bowling Club entertained Troedryhiw Bowling Club at Romilly Park for the first 1st Division match of the season.**

The weather was kind, the green looked good, but proved to be tricky. Romilly went on to win the match aggregate 78-68 and secure 10 points.

Dave Wright's rink of R Cowling, R Blucit and G Rees were the big winners on the day and held the lead from start to finish. They allowed their opponents to win just six of the 21 ends with some classy bowling and sound tactics from skip Dave, to win the rink 28-10.

Ian Bryan's rink of C Collins, G Eastment and M Gershenson also had a strong game. They lost the first end but raced ahead for the rest of the game with an impressive display of bowling that included a big six on the 13th end, going on for a 23-16 win.

Mel Newman's rink of C Geen, J Jones and G Cogbill had a tough game against strong opponents. After 10 ends, the match was

level at seven shots apiece. However, the 11th end was lost by a big seven shots, albeit it was recovered over the next four ends when Romilly gained seven shots to draw level 14-14.

Nevertheless, Troedryhiw then finished the remaining ends stronger to win the rink 18-21.

Brian Foscolo's rink of H Jones, D Bannister and G Trepleton drew the short straw and were overwhelmed by their opponents from the start to finish, who went on to win the rink 9-21.

Skip Brian gave full praise to the Troedryhiw players for their bowling skills and that they deserved the win.

At the after match get together, the Troedryhiw captain congratulated the Romilly players on their win and stated that his club had not lost a match for two years in the CML 1st Division.

The Romilly 'A' side travelled to the Cardiff Heath Bowling Club for their Division 5 match and came out winners, 90-62, securing 12 points.

Bryn Gough's rink of D Ford, C Coles and K Clements were on fire in the match and led from

start to finish, scoring a big six on the 17th end for a 26-14 win.

Vince McFarland's rink of P Hoad, T Bloomfield and P Denly also had a strong game, scoring a big six on the 17th end for a 26-10 win.

Alf Woodcock's rink of W Hewitt, A Burge and K Westgate were also on form in their game and went ahead on the 10th end 9-7.

They stayed in front until the end with some strong scoring to win the rink 26-9.

Bob Wyatt's rink of B Cheal, C Davies and A Jones drew the short straw again, with their Heath opponents in sparkling form, they led from start to finish to win the rink 10-29.

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**Garden open**  
ON Sunday, June 13, at 10am-5pm, the garden at **Bordervale Plants, Ystradowen, Cowbridge**, will be open for the National Garden Scheme.

Admission £2.50; children free. Parking on road past corner, or field if dry. Children must be supervised.

# Cowbridge boys tennis victory

**THE year-8 and year-10 Cowbridge Comprehensive boys tennis team is going from strength to strength, after another convincing win, this time over local rivals St Cyres.**

Year-10 captain Tom Kamal led from the front and had a 6-0 win over Alex Vowles, followed by wins for Mike Barnett and Sean Boga Lake both with a 6-1 score line.

Theo Mann (year-9) narrowly lost his singles 4-6 but made up for it in the doubles, partnered by Tom Kamal, with a 6-5 win. Barnett and Boga Lake, playing doubles, sealed a great win for year-10 with a 6-1.

The year-8 boys had a similar result to year-10. Skipper David Humphreys had a 6-0 win over Ben Baston, followed by wins for Alex Greaves 6-1, Matt Howells 6-3, and Matt Harper 6-0.

In the doubles, Humphreys and Greaves and Howells and debutant Matt Roberts both had 6-0 wins.

The lads face a tougher test next week with games against **Whitchurch Comprehensive.**

**ATHLETICS**  
IN the under-15 Cardiff & Vale County Championships there

were three individual winners for Cowbridge girls.

Nancie Edwards, for the third consecutive year, won the 1,500 metres walk by seven seconds, (9.46). Annabel Curle won the high jump with a jump of 1.45m and Isobel Armour won the discus with the last throw of the competition with a distance of 19.22 metres.

Other finishing positions in the finals included Caitlin Allin, third in the high jump (1.40m) and sixth in the long jump, and (4.06m). Annabel Curle also came fourth in the 800m (2.38.8) and 13th in the javelin (12.53m). Isobel Armour came third in the shot (7.53m). Miriam Bennett came fifth in the 1,500m (5.43.9). Sarah Lewis came seventh in the 75 metre hurdles (15.1 seconds).

Liz Whitehouse, Jo Wilkins, Mairi Boxall, Izzy Eddy-Williams took part in the 4 x 100 metres and came seventh (57.5). Jo Wilkins came seventh in the long jump (4.05 metres), Eleanor Morgan came eighth in the 1,500 metre walk (10.36 minutes), and Anna Wynne came 12th in the discus (14m 24).

Other competitors who didn't make the finals were: Izzy Eddy-Williams, 100m came fifth (15.0); Rebecca John 200m, third (30.5).

# Local syndicate's good win in Pembrokeshire

**MUSIQUE EN TETE**, owned by the Vale of Glamorgan Bird, White & Prior Group syndicate and trained at Merthyr Mawr by former rider

**Jonathan Tudor, landed the intermediate race at the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Trecoed near Sledau, which saw the end of the 2009/10 Welsh hunt racing season.**

Ridden by Pembrokeshire farmer's son John Mathias (aged 19), *Musique En Tete* was prominent throughout and won by three lengths from *Duggans Forge*, whose rider Jodie Hughes rode over the last three fences without reins as the buckle came loose and she hung on by holding on to the horse's breast plate.

A 5-1 chance, *Musique En Tete* was the third leg of a treble for Mathias who had earlier won on *Ben Tally Ho* (restricted) and *Most Definitely* (Men's Open).

The open maiden race was won by Ross Farr's *Willottie* who, well ridden by Mr Farr's daughter

## ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

ter Emily (aged 19), won by five lengths from the favourite *Lady Trig*, who like *Musique En Tete*, is trained by Jonathan Tudor and qualified with the Llangenneir Hunt.

Jodie Hughes (27), chalked-up her first ever double when winning the members' race on *Feeling Real*, a 14-1 outsider, and the ladies' open race on *Naughty By Nature* who went off the 11-10 favourite.

Both horses were saddled by Rebecca Curtis, who trains under National Hunt rules at Newport, Pembrokeshire.

The former, an eight-year-old chesnut gelding, who won by 10 lengths from *Seanie The Smuggler*, is up for sale; however, the latter, a winner of two hurdle, races will now go summer racing.

## Donal's double

Donal 'Duck' Fahy, who rides for Llancafnan trainer Evan Williams, landed a 54-1 double at Worcester on Sunday with *Cannon Fire* and *New Rackheath*.

*Cannon Fire*, an 8-1 chance, won the Ladbrokes Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle by 12 lengths

from the favourite *Command Marshall* and *New Rackheath*, a 5-1 shot, took the Neu-Servo Handicap Chase by three parts of a length from *More Shennangans*.

Both horses are trained by Evan Williams, who had a double earlier in the week at Ffos Las with *West With The Wind* (Paul Moloney) and *Ajman* (Donal Fahy).

Aberth's Tim Vaughan, who was successful with *Maggie Aron* (Richard Johnson) at Ffos Las, also had a winner at Worcester on Sunday with *Silver Story* who landed the Ladbrokes Beginners' Chase under stable jockey Richard Johnson.

## Pony racing

Bridgend's Connor Flint (14), chalked-up his 41st success on his *Stambrook Marquessa* in the mixed open pony race at the recent Countryside Alliance Point-To-Point meeting, coming home three lengths ahead of *Oscar*, ridden by Jordon Williams.

The 12th open pony race went to *Bugsy*, partnered by Alice Tudor, of Merthyr Mawr. Alice is the daughter of former point-to-point rider Jonathan Tudor.

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## Young Cavaliers take charge against Ponty

The Sunday XI (96-1) continued their winning ways with a win over Pontypridd (94 all out).

The visitors won the toss and decided to bat first, and were soon in trouble when Griff Huxtable, at extra cover, swooped to take a great catch to remove the dangerous opener off the bowling of Wheatley, who took 2-20.

From the other end S Pickford produced a very fine and fiery spell of 1-9.

At first change, J Griffiths (captain) bought on another youth team player, A Williams, who produced a match winning hat-trick, the second of the

season for the Cavs, and finished with 3-14. At the other end E J Pritchard (another Colt team player) removed the dangerous Ponty number three with a wonderfully flighted off break for 35, and the batting crumbled thereafter.

Tom Gingell completed things with his leg spin and ended with 1-16, and Griff Huxtable finished with 2-1. It was a great bowling and fielding performance from the young Cavs team.

In reply, the Cavs made run scoring look easy and knocked off the runs for the loss of one wicket (J Griffiths 42 not out, S Pickford 22, and Harry Withers 25 not out).

It truly was a mature performance from a young Cavs XI.



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## Eagleswell rugby squad's success

**Eagleswell rugby squad.**



On May 26, Eagleswell Primary School's rugby squad made the trip to Cardiff Arms Park to take part in the Future Blues Tag Rugby Festival.

The squad consisted of 11 players (seven boys and four girls), from years 5 and 6.

There was great anticipation as our first game approached. This was to be against Gwenf. Eagleswell battled hard in a very close game. It was end-to-end action, with Eagleswell eventually coming out on top, six tries to five.

The second match was against one of the many St Fagans teams. Again, Eagleswell proved to be worthy opponents the match ending in a 4-4 draw.

The squad rotation employed by coach Mr Richards was working well as the players came off the bench and slotted in nicely.

Palmerston were the next opponents and this was the toughest match so far. Captain Dylan White scored three tries, while Lewis Brown scored twice and Cole Baker scored for the third consecutive game. Eagleswell narrowly won by a single try, 6-5.

The final two matches were back-to-

back, so there would be no rest for the squad. Enthusiasm was at a high so we were eager to get back on the pitch.

St John Lloyd played extremely well and pushed Eagleswell all the way to the final whistle. The nod was given to Eagleswell again by a solitary try, 5-4.

Injuries couldn't prevent each player wanting to give their all and be part of the final game against Ysgol y Wern, who were a well-drilled team and this showed as the match went on.

Heads were held high even when losing, as Ysgol y Wern won by six tries to four, with Lewis Brown scoring twice to make it a total of 11 tries in the tournament.

Eagleswell's boys and girls can be immensely proud of their achievements.

A big thank you to Future Blues (Nadine Griffiths, Martin and Chris Pilcher) for organising the event.

Eagleswell rugby squad: Thomas Morgan-Brew, Lewis Brown, Daniel Vickers, Cole Baker, Luke Pilcher, Dylan White (captain), Ethan Forrest, Nadia O'Dare, Rachel Reilly, Deryn Bingham, Caitlin Dolman.

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## Cowbridge Comprehensive School sports report

# CRICKETERS BATTLE BRAVELY IN LORD TAVERNERS' CUP KNOCK-OUT

THE school's under-15 cricket team played the first round of the Lord Taverners Cup against Caerleon Comprehensive School.

The game was played on the Barry Athletic Cricket Club ground, Barry Island, on a glorious day in May.

Cowbridge batted first on a good wicket but lost Daniel Peters early on to the Caerleon captain, Batchelor. Sam Wood and captain Wil Antoni repaired the damage, only for Wood to be caught in the covers at 24 for 2.

Jack Davies came in and played shots from the off but lost partner Antoni at 61 for 3. Young Todd Wilcox pushed the score along with Davies, before Davies was bowled out at 84 for 4; Mathew Jacka helped Wilcox to a partnership of 43, who remained at the crease until the last over to help the school finish on 170 all out last ball.

The Caerleon reply got off to a good start with a partnership of 30. S Davies played some excellent shots in his 56 to keep Caerleon in the game, but the return of pace bowlers Antoni and



ABOVE: The under-15 cricket team.

Davies at the end of the innings, with wickets by Antoni (three in one over) and tight bowling by Davies, made sure Cowbridge won the game by nine runs.

Cowbridge 170 all out - Jack Davies 36, Todd Wilcox 33, Sam Wood 13, Mathew Jacka 12, James Lister-Simms 12. Bowling: James Batchelor 3 wickets for 15 off 7 overs.

Caerleon 163 for 9 - S Davies 56, J Batchelor 21; Wil Antoni 3 for 39 off 7 overs, Jack Davies 2 for 16 off 7 overs, Harri Collier 2 for 28 off 7 overs.

Round two was a visit to Millfield School in Somerset. This was

another opportunity for the team to play against one of the best under-15 teams in England on their own first team pitch, which would not look out of place in Lords.

Wil Antoni won the toss and batted first. A steady opening partnership by Sam Wood and Daniel Peters, followed by another good partnership from Antoni and Jack Davies, meant that Cowbridge were 81 for 2 at the halfway stage.

After the drinks break, things went completely the wrong way. With poor shot selection, Cowbridge were under great pressure from the Millfield bowlers and slumped to 98 all out.

The match saw a good effort from the bowlers to defend such a small total in 40 overs, but there was never any doubt that Millfield would win, which they did with overs to spare.

However, this was a great experience for the

boys to play at such a fantastic venue, and they are looking forward to qualifying for next year's Lord Taverners competition.

Cowbridge 98 all out - Wil Antoni 32, Jack Davies 21, Sam Wood 11.

**Year-8 cricket**  
YEAR-8 played Ysgol Llangynydd, Maesteg, and lost by seven runs.

Llangynydd 76 for 8 wickets. Cowbridge 69 for 5 wickets - Daniel Evans 13, John Extra 27.

Year-8 played year-7 at the halfway stage.

Year-8 97 for 8 wickets - Sean Rowland 15, Ben Crosby 15; Robert David 2 for 7, Miles Davies 2 for 8.

Year-7 99 for 3 - Oliver Pike 22, Jonathan Harvey 22, Mathew Harper 15.

Year-8 (A) played Llandaff Cathedral School, Cardiff, and lost by nine wickets.

Year-8 92 for 4 - Neil Sykes 10, Ben Crosby 10, Sean Rowland 20.

Cathedral 94 for 1 wicket - S Morris 44 not out, Ben Crosby 1 for 12.

Year-8 (B) played Llandaff Cathedral School, and lost by 60 runs.

Cathedral 129 for 4 - Tom Owen 2 for 21.

Year-8 (B) 69 for 9.

Year-7 (A) played Llandaff Cathedral School and won by 11 runs.

Year-7 103 for 6 wickets - Jonathan Harvey 26 not out, Mathew Harper 16, Tom Lucas 10.

Cathedral 92 all out - Jonathan Harvey 3 for 8 (including a hat-trick in last over), Daniel Oddy 3 for 10.

Year-7 (B) played Llandaff Cathedral School and Ellis Rosser hit three off the last delivery to win the game.

Cathedral 93 for 5 - Amos Booth 2 for 7, Edward Couzens 1 for 5, Ronnie Vogel 1 for 8.

Cowbridge 94 for 6 - David Humphries 23, Amos Booth 13.

Year-7 played Bro Morgannwg and won by 45 runs.

Cowbridge 104 for 5 - Jonathan Harvey 29 not out, Mathew Harper 12, Robert David 11, Oliver Pike 11 not out.

Bro Morgannwg 59 for 7 - Ieuan Ridout 2 for 10, Luke John 2 for 13, Amos Booth 1 for 5, Adam Jones 1 for 10, Oliver Pike 1 for 1.

## Plate win finishes off a fine season for the Huskies

THE Huskies' second team met the West Wales Tropics in the final of the SWVBA Senior Plate Final at Michael Sobell Leisure Centre, Aberdare.

This was a stern test for the young side against a team playing a division above them, who had just secured their first division status for another year. The Huskies, on the other hand, were short-handed due to a number of their players being cup-tied.

The first quarter was slow on points but fast on pace, a theme that would carry on to the final second of the game. The Tropics punished a disorganised Huskies' man-to-man defence to go 18-8 up for the quarter.

The beginning of the second quarter looked like much of the same, with the Tropics scoring two baskets within the first minute. The Huskies' game plan suddenly came together - defence tightened, offensive points racking up the scoreboard and a half-time score of 32-28, a

complete turnaround from the misfortunes of the first quarter.

With the pace of the game taking its toll on both teams, the point rate dropped. Mistakes crept into the players' games and silly fouls were given on both sides leaving key players in foul trouble.

However, the Tropics missed eight out of a possible nine free throws, a statistic that came back to haunt them with a third quarter score of 45-37.

The final quarter saw an injection of pace from the Tropics. However, this failed to materialise in serious points on the board and in the eighth minute of the final quarter, the score was 55-50 to the Huskies.

Taking the strain of the Tropics' offence saw coach Cooper and David Pitman getting fouled out. The Tropics managed to find holes in the Huskies tired defence to bring the game to one point (55-54) with seven seconds to go.

All the Huskies had to do was inbound the ball and hold it to win the game. A misunderstanding between the refs and Huskies inbounded the ball illegally, so the ball was turned over to the Tropics!

The Huskies, not dwelling on the call, swung into defensive action applying an inbound denial defence. The Tropics received the ball and with five seconds on the clock, attacked the Huskies' end, but they retrieved the ball and ran down the clock.

The final score was 55-54 to the Huskies.

Coach Cooper said after the final: "Our first season together we came good! I am so happy, the team showed awesome spirit, even when the Tropics came at us at the end we knew what we had to do and we took the strain... there was never ever any doubt we were going to win!"

Preparations start for next season in August. In the meantime, the club are looking at securing sponsorship for next year to enable them to continue the progress made this year.

Further contact information can be found at [www.barryhuskies.net](http://www.barryhuskies.net), our Facebook page Barry Huskies Basketball Club or by contacting Alun Rees on 029 2053 1531.

## Win at Barry for Cadoxton ladies

CADOXTON ladies travelled to St Fagans for an evening league game.

**Rink one:** Cadoxton P Bryant P Davies, P Cox J Tuck 4. 3/4 - St Fagans 19.

St Fagans dominated the game by winning 10 ends of this 15-end match. Cadoxton ladies won five ends but for one shot each. Regrettably, a fixture book error caused a lady to be late and resulted in the team a quarter of a shot.

**Rink two:** Cadoxton J Pycroft, T Parry, N Clissett, M O Callaghan 13 - St Fagans 15.

Although St Fagans started extremely strongly, with eight shots in the bag for the first four ends, Cadoxton ladies fought back well. Ends five to nine saw Cadoxton take the lead by scoring a total of 12 shots.

With the score at 12/8 on end 11, Cadoxton gained another shot to make them the dreaded unlucky 13. St Fagans fought back and brought the scores equal on the penultimate end. In some exciting bowling, St Fagans scored two more shots to win the game.

On a very hot afternoon, Barry Central welcomed Cadoxton to play the Thursday afternoon league match.

**Rink one:** Cadoxton - J Pycroft, P Cox, P Davies, E Osbourne 17 -

Barry Central - C Windle, P Ditchburn, N Charles, J Thomas 13.

Barry Central started with a flourish, taking the first two ends. From end three to 11, Cadoxton retaliated and scored well (14-5 to Cadoxton). The Cadoxton ladies took an extra shot but then did not score for five ends, giving Central ladies the chance to catch up. A two was scored on end 17, leaving Barry Central needing to score six or more to win. They bagged a single to finish the score at 17-13.

**Rink two:** Cadoxton - A Jones, N Hitchen, D Evans, M O Callaghan 18 - Barry Central - J Bullock, P Widger, R Gwilliam J Morgan 13.

There was very little to choose between these teams up to end 11. The scoring was nip and tuck all the way. By the 14th end, Central were on that unlucky 13, which they just could not seem to get past. The last four ends saw Cadoxton score seven shots to win the game.

**Rink three:** Cadoxton - A Rees, C Bentley, N Clissett, P Currie 21 - Barry Central - B Davies, T Hawkins, M Farnden, P Bowyer 15.

In this exciting game, the teams were level on 13 after 13 ends. Then, a five scored on the 16th end by Cadoxton made the difference.

**Final score:** Cadoxton 56 - Barry Central 41. DD

## The new Honda Jazz is full of bright ideas

THE designers at Honda say that their new Jazz is bursting with new ideas that help to make it one of the most complete superminis ever made.

A Honda spokesman said: "The previous Jazz was such a successful car that creating its successor was always going to be a challenge. But by enhancing the car's qualities, the engineers at Honda have taken the Jazz on to the next stage, producing a car with even greater flexibility, more interior space and a 'bigger car' feel."

The latest Jazz offers a range of lively, economical petrol engines, which will appeal to the increasing number of cost-conscious motorists and downsizers.

The new model, says Honda, is a formidable second generation car that raises the bar even further in the highly competitive supermini segment.

To improve the car, the development team looked at the few areas where Jazz had come under criticism and

improved them, with improvements to the ride and handling.

Changes to the suspension settings have made the ride more supple and comfortable - particularly at the rear - while the steering feels more natural, and handling is more stable, creating a 'big car' feel but remaining as manoeuvrable as ever.

There's greater versatility with easier-to-use, one-motion Magic Seats and an innovative, new Double-Trunk (on 1.4-litre models); plus, increased cabin space.

The new model has a more contemporary cabin design, and uses high quality materials and trim.

There's also a comprehensive equipment list, including iPod connectivity.

The fact the Jazz is so practical is the reason it attracts a wide range of people, from grandparents and driving instructors, to families with babies and nurses.

This broad appeal is one of the reasons why the car has featured at, or near, the top of the sales charts every year it has been on sale in the UK.

The average age of a Jazz customer is 63 years old and the new car will continue to exceed the demands of this more mature market.

However, the car's sharp new looks and 'bigger car' feel will also appeal to younger customers and those wishing to downsize.

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## Bridge club results

**LATEST Vale bridge club results:**

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, Monday, May 24:

1st, Vida Halford and Glwyn Williams 61.34 per cent; 2nd, Marion Stephenson and Graham Norris 59.03; 3rd, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner 57.41; 3rd, Joan Jenkins and Jane Brook 57.41; 5th, Teri Pollard and Sara Bartlett 55.56; 6th, Pat and Brian Swain 54.63.

Cowbridge & District Bridge Club, Tuesday, May 25:

1st, Barbara and Colin Easterbrook 61.34, 2nd, Sara Bartlett and Anne Hughes 63.10; 3rd, Teri Pollard and David Wright 61.90; 4th, Mearl Owen and Debbie Rosevear 55.56; 5th, Pat and Brian Swain 52.78; 6th, Marian East and Pauline McAllen 51.59.

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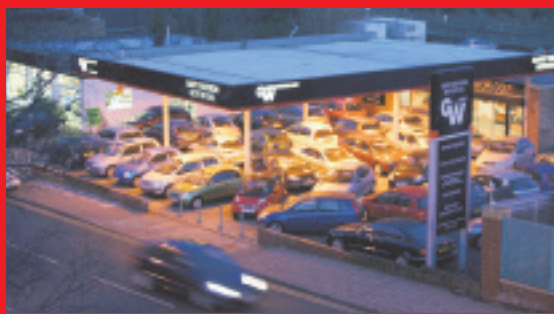
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# GEM sport

## Wales must learn not to take the foot off the pedal (and cut out those basic errors) if they hope to join Big Five in the fast lane

**BACK PAGE COMMENT** by Don John

**WARREN GATLAND's** candid post-match summing up said it all: "In the opening 25 minutes, we were clinical, accurate and 16-3 up - and then we caught some sort of disease. I don't know what it is..."

The bewildered head coach was not the only one among the 60,000-strong crowd to scratch his head in exasperation, after watching stop-go Wales spurn a real opportunity to record only a second victory in 104 years over South Africa, at a sun-bathed Millennium Stadium on Saturday.

In the first quarter, history seemed there for the making, with Wales for once coming out of the starting blocks in commendably determined style and rocking the unfamiliar-looking Springbok line-up back on their heels.

The pressure reaped dividends, with a drop goal and superb breakaway try by James Hook, which was converted by Stephen Jones, who also landed two penalties.

At that point, the world champions, minus many of their first choice personnel, were struggling to establish cohesion, and able only to muster a single penalty in reply.

At 16-3, Wales had the vital early platform they needed on which to build a morale-boosting win over rattled opponents who were patently at sixes and sevens.

Tellingly, while Kiwis, Wallabies and Springboks in this situation would have gone on to ruthlessly ram home their advantage, once again the Dragon's fire was doused more by their own basic shortcomings in both set piece and loose, than by superior opposition.

The self-inflicted rot inevitably started with the all too familiar sight of a chronically misfiring Welsh lineout, which again began to resemble rugby's frenetic version of musical chairs (where finding the designat-



**ABOVE:** Tom Prydie, who became Wales' youngest-ever try scorer against South Africa.

ed jumper is a minor miracle in itself!)

It quickly spread to the equally-crucial breakdown area, with lost possession and a string of penalties conceded, as the pendulum began to swing against Wales.

Assisted by precise kicking out of hand by fly-half Ruan Pienaar (who also struck three penalties) and an impressive try, South Africa clawed their way back to go into the interval just two points behind at 16-14.

Within two minutes of the restart, the visitors went ahead with a converted try; Stephen Jones reduced arrears with a penalty, but the so-called makeshift Springboks then asserted their pedigree with another penalty and converted try to stretch their lead to 19-31.

To their credit, Welsh heads did not drop and in fact they scored an excellent try of their own, finished off with aplomb in the corner by Porthcawl youngster Tom Prydie.

The home team now needing just a converted try to secure a draw at least.

Even though South Africa promptly restored their 10-point lead with yet another penalty, battling Wales still refused to throw in the towel and their all-out effort was rewarded when replacement lock Alun Wyn Jones barged over for a last-minute try, converted by the ever-reli-

able Stephen Jones.

It was all too late, however, with the referee's whistle calling time on an agonisingly narrow 34-31 win to South Africa, their 22nd in 24 encounters between the two countries.

At the end, Gatland's frustration with his charges was palpable, for more than anyone the New Zealander knew this was a unique opportunity lost to gain an edge over depleted opponents whom Wales will next face in the opening round of the Rugby World Cup.

While yet again, Welsh effort could not be faulted, the reality is that the Springboks side they meet then will be a much mightier force than the thrown-together team they failed to overcome on Saturday.

The trenchant after-match comments by opposing skipper John Smit put the result in a sobering context: "I thought we were pretty ordinary... but we got what we wanted. It's good to know you have these guys to fall back on when people are out through poor form or injury..."

Wales, likewise, would happily have settled for a morale-boosting three-point win before setting off for two demanding tests in New Zealand - but that was not to be.

In truth, though, of far more pressing concern to the coaches should be the costly failings in execution and discipline, both up front and behind, that all too often hand the initiative to opponents and prevent the squad fulfilling their primary goal - precision and consistency from first to last whistle.

Unless these issues are finally resolved, it is difficult to see how this undoubtedly improving Welsh squad can realistically hope to break out of rugby's 'second division' and into the top five in time for the ultimate test - next year's World Cup.

Meanwhile, more immediately, the formidable All Blacks lie in wait, and they will have far more demanding questions for Gatland's men to answer.

## Llangynwyd scraps pool contribution

**LLANGYNWYD Middle Community Council** has

scrapped plans to donate £10,000 over three years towards Maesteg Swimming Pool, after members heard that the summer holiday play scheme in their area was being axed.

Instead, the council will now pay £3,200 to BCBC to provide a four-week play scheme at Llangynwyd pavilion, which last year attracted an average of 40 children a day.

In previous years, the council has made a contribution of £950 towards the cost of this scheme but this year, the borough council has decided to concentrate these schemes on a smaller

number of strategic locations.

Only one scheme has been proposed for the Llynfi Valley and this will be at Maesteg Park-Maesteg Sports centre.

Llangynwyd clerk Anne Wilkes said that the council had decided earlier in the year to offer £10,000 over three years towards refurbishing the swimming pool.

Work is currently under way on the £600,000 project. Maesteg Town Council has committed itself to finding £100,000 of this over three years.

BCBC informed Llangynwyd Council that the money they were offering would be used to pay for a heat blanket to cover the pool when not in use, and so reduce energy costs.

But after hearing that

the play scheme had been scrapped, councillors felt that they should spend their money reinstating that, rather than contributing towards the pool.

Mrs Wilkes said that the council could not afford to pay for both and

had prioritised something taking place within its own community.

The community council has now withdrawn its offer to fund the £10,000 for the pool, as it may have to provide funding for holiday play schemes in successive summers.

## Litchard make schools' rugby league finals

**THE finalists for the South Wales Scorpions**

**IntroTeach/IntroSport Primary Schools Cup on Sunday, June 13, at The Groll in Neath have been confirmed.**

The Scorpions Primary Schools Cup is just one part of 'Super Sunday' at The Groll which sees an A international between Wales and Ireland at 12pm and South Wales Scorpions taking on Swinton Lions in a Co-operative Championship 1 game at 3pm.

A total of 12 teams have qualified for the

schools finals, following six regional festivals throughout south Wales.

The 12 schools have been separated into three groups of four, with the group winners and best placed runners-up qualifying for the semi-finals at 1.45pm.

Group A - Parc Y Tywyn (Burry Port); Georgetown (Tredegar); Llanyrafon (Cwmbran); Laugharne (Carmarthen).

Group B - Lon Las (Swansea); Litchard (Bridgend); Johnstown (Carmarthen); Pontnewydd (Cwmbran).

Group C - Bettws (Newport); Coedffranc (Neath); Sully (Cardiff); Swiss Valley (Llanelli).

## Win a cycle ride with Nicole Cooke

**ONE lucky winner will have the opportunity to join local sporting legend, Olympic cycling gold medalist Nicole Cooke, on a bicycle ride around Cowbridge later this month.**

This fantastic opportunity to ride with Nicole is part of activities aimed at raising £250,000 for vital equipment in the new Cowbridge Comprehensive School, which is scheduled to open in September.

Nicole, whose father teaches at the school, will lead the lucky winner on a recovery ride around Cowbridge, then

wind down with a coffee afterwards.

"This is a great chance for one lucky person to meet and ride with a superb athlete," said fundraising committee chairman Charlie Puddicombe, and he added: "Nicole is a brilliant role model and we are so pleased she volunteered to help out her dad's school."

Raffle tickets are now on sale at just £5 each and the draw will take place on June 24, with the ride on the June 28.

Full details and an order form can be found at [www.cowbridge-comp2010.co.uk](http://www.cowbridge-comp2010.co.uk), or alternatively you can get tickets by calling Mat Holloway on 07740 869620.

## Pencoed bowled out too cheaply

**LLANTWIT Major Cavaliers Midweek X1 remain unbeaten as they overwhelmed their bogey side Pencoed.**

Pencoed won the toss to bat first on a beautiful evening and struck a couple of early boundaries, but the opening bowlers restricted the home side to 23 for 0 off five overs.

Pencoed slipped to 30 for 3 off eight, with opener Redford contributing 20 of those runs.

Julian Griffiths then came on to bowl two overs for one run, Dave Russell grabbed three wickets for 13 before Ginglell took four wickets for just seven runs as Pencoed collapsed to 63 all out in the 17th over.

Chasing such a low total, James Huxtable was given a rare opportunity to open and he hit a powerful 27 before being caught out and, although talisman batsmen Griffiths and Coldwell fell cheaply, Shane Callard and James Snelson comfortably saw Llantwit home in the 12th over.

## Croissants go top of table on goal difference

**JAMES KING was at his regal best as leaders Croissants maintained their advantage at the top of the Bridgend six-a-side football league with a 3-1 victory over B Attack.**

At the other end of the table, The Pie Boys moved away from the relegation zone by beating Hangover Heroes 2-0.

Bulldogs all but sealed their promotion to the premier league with a 3-0, Chris Featham-inspired, triumph over Dead End Jobs, while perhaps the pick of the games elsewhere saw Team Extreme share six goals - and the points - with Inter Wildmill, although Wildmill's Cory Evans arguably deserved better.

Anyone who wants to join the six-a-side football leagues in Bridgend, should telephone 0845 230 2340 or visit [www.leisureleague.net](http://www.leisureleague.net)

### Premier Division

| Team Name       | Played | Goal Diff | Points |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Croissants      | 11     | 35        | 17     |
| B Attack        | 11     | 27        | 17     |
| Day Sleepers    | 11     | 10        | 16     |
| Hangover Heroes | 11     | -8        | 10     |
| dunraven        | 11     | -3        | 9      |
| The Pie Boys    | 11     | -19       | 8      |
| Racing Inter    | 11     | -19       | 6      |
| Persil Boys FC  | 11     | -23       | 5      |

### Division 1

| Team Name         | Played | Goal Diff | Points |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Athletic Brackla  | 11     | 34        | 21     |
| Bulldogs          | 11     | 9         | 17     |
| Hardly Athletic   | 11     | 0         | 12     |
| Young Exiles      | 11     | 7         | 11     |
| Dead End Jobs     |        |           |        |
| But Football Gods | 11     | 5         | 11     |
| Laleston Lions    | 11     | -7        | 6      |
| Team Xtreme       | 11     | -16       | 5      |
| Inter Wildmill    | 11     | -32       | 5      |